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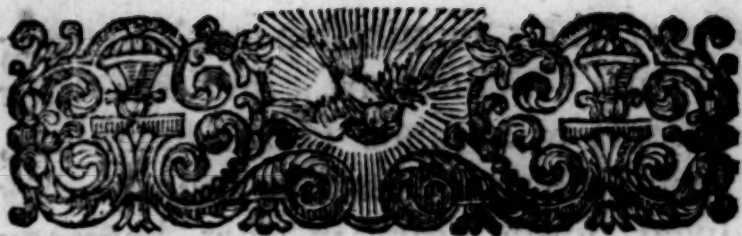
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## CHAP. I.

*Some account of my family, birth, and education. Elope from my grandfather's. Arrive at Litchfield.— Am disturbed and robbed. The punishment of the thief.*

**I** Am descended from a creditable family in Derbyshire, my father profess'd surgery; and while very young, saw, and was captivated with my mother, a neighbouring apothecary's daughter, the parity

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ty of their circumstances, and their mutual inclinations, induced their parents to advance each a small sum, and unite them in matrimony—they lived some years in that harmony which results from true affection,—my father was ingenious, and contemplative; of a turn which rather led him to investigate the mathematics than shine in his profession: he contracted an intimacy with Mr. Algebra, a man who though a good calculator, was yet a very bad oeconomist, eager in pursuit of the charming nymph Mathesis, he neglected his necessary avocations, and became deeply immersed in debt. He was soon arrested for a large sum; my father became his surety; Mr. Algebra took the first opportunity to abscond, and left my fire to answer for his debts; unable to stand the shock, my father went to London, he endeavoured to procure employment, but without money or friends, unknown, and unassisted, he found himself

himself reduced to the melancholy necessity of engaging himself, for a small pittance, to an ignorant pretender in surgery, whose tyranny soon growing insupportable, he wrote to my mother, requesting her to sell her effects and retire to her father's, till his affairs assumed a more favourable aspect, intimating his resolution to serve in the navy.

My mother waited on her parent, whose coldness soon convinced her, no asylum could be expected from him, she determined to accept an invitation just received from an aunt in London; my grandfather commended her resolution, desiring her to leave me with him, assuring her he would superintend my remaining education, with a truly paternal care.

My mother, who was uncertain what reception she might meet with from her aunt, thankfully accepted his offer, and in a few days set out for London. My tears and lamentations for the loss of this affectionate pa-

rent were yet fresh, when my grandfather called me to him, and addressed me to the following purpose :

Child, after your parents mismanagement, no impartial person would accuse me of cruelty, did I entirely withdraw my assistance ; however, in compassion to your youth, I am determined to fulfil my promise to your mother ; you are now fourteen years of age, can write, and know something of grammar, education enough for a youth of your limited expectations ; I will put you under the care of Tom, my foot-boy, who is an adroit intelligent lackey, he will instruct you in the management of a stable, the art of laying a cloth, and other requisites for one of your station ; when you understand enough of the business, I will recommend you to an excellent place, where it will be your own fault if you are not happy ; for people in that capacity are free from cares, and those uneasinesses which attend higher stations ; a domestic



meſtic is ſupported as elegantly as his lord; and excepting the name of ſervant, is much happier.

Having concluded his harangue, he called Tom, and recommended me to his care, promiſing to reward him for his trouble: Tom ſtared on his maſter, he beheld my eyes ſuffuſed with tears, and the ſympathetic drop hung on his cheek; however he checked his feelings, and aſſured my grandfather, his endeavours ſhould not be wanting; the old man then ordered me to follow Thomas, and to obey his inſtructions.

We retired into the ſtable, where Tom claſped me in his arms, and expreſſed his indignation at my grandfather, he aſſured me, would never require me to perform the ſervile offices I was enjoined: the poor fellow's kindneſs ſoftened my afflictions, and I reſolved to comply till time produced an opportunity to deliver myſelf from ſlavery. We lay in a little room over the ſtable, which,

though a mortification to my pride, gave me some satisfaction, because separated from the house. My grandfather employed a journeyman, who sighed for my sufferings, and supplied me with diverting and instructive books; I continued to read these at my leisure, and at other times helped Thomas to rub the horses, clean the stable, &c.

After a year's servitude, an accident befel me which was like to have produced fatal consequences: I was one day sitting at the stable door, when my cousin Ranker, a young lad of my own age, (who dwelt with my grandfather, and was his great favourite) came to me, and in an imperious tone ordered me to clean his shoes; unable to contain my anger at his insolence, I demanded, what reason he had to imagine I would submit to so slavish an office? he retorted, it was the stable-boy's business to do the drudgery of the family. Inflamed at this inuendo, I  
threw

threw the curry-comb at his head, the points of which striking him across his nose and forehead, sufficiently avenged me, he fell down, roaring murder; his cries reached my grandfather, who hobbled out, asking the occasion of that dreadful out-cry, when the wounded minion cried out, O, grandpappa, my cousin Jack hath cut my eyes out; an effusion of blood covering his forehead, the old man believed it was fact, and lifting up his cane, soon put me into a more piteous condition, and then with the assistance of Thomas, bore his favourite into the house.

Mr. Diacolon was ordered to prepare an imbrocation for master Ranker's face, and then to order me immediately to quit his house; they found me insensible on the stable floor. Mr. Diacolon returned for a little cordial water, which revived me; he then inspected the wounds and bruises I had received, and reported to his master, that in his opinion,

nion, my life was in danger. The old gentleman started at this information, probably reflecting my death would be attended with bad consequences to himself; he ordered his assistant to return and dress my wounds; in a few weeks I recovered my strength, though I bore the marks of my beating a long time, in black, blue, and green colours. When recovered, I determined to be cautious for a time, how I exasperated this partial old man; resolving, however, to deliver myself from oppression, as soon as possible. In a few months Mr. Diacolon's friendship, and the instructing authors he lent me, buried my griefs in oblivion, and I became more contented; when a more cruel torment presented itself, in the person of Mr. Scourge, a neighbouring school-master, who offered to instruct me in Latin, and French, if my grandfather would give him a free discharge from part of a considerable debt the pedant owed him. After some hesitation,



hesitation, the old gentleman complied, having doubtless considered the improbability of ever getting his whole bill paid, the school-master being very poor. I was accordingly put under the care of Mr. Scourge, whose method was to rouse the faculties, and fix the attention of his scholars, by frequent and severe whippings; under this tyrant I remained a full year, and profited but little, as a Latin scholar; yet I made shift to become a tolerable proficient in French. One afternoon, as I was reading the *Alzira* of Mons. Voltaire, in the school, Scourge observed the emotion with which I perused this celebrated piece, and conjecturing it was something extraordinary that made me give such plain marks of admiration and pleasure, he stole gently behind me, and observing what had so rivited my attention, snatched the play out of my hand, and tired himself with caning me: after school he followed me home, and present-

ing the book to my grandfather, told him how he found me employed. The old apothecary was astonished, and demanded who lent it me; I was afraid an open confession would injure Mr. Diacolon, so told them I had found the book; they disbelieved and threatened me with a severe punishment the next day.

I communicated the affair to Tom, and informed him I was resolved to go to London, in search of my parents. Tom, who had no wages due, having been paid the day before, offered to accompany me; I accepted his proposal with pleasure, and desired him to fetch Mr. Diacolon, who presently came; and being informed of my determination, approved of it, and obliged me to accept half a guinea, towards travelling expences, and then took his leave with signs of affectionate sorrow.

We packed up our little apparel, stole out backwards, crossed the fields, and soon reached the high road to  
Litch-

Litchfield, where we arrived in the evening, and went directly to the post-house, where we ingratiated ourselves with the ostler, by assisting him to put up the horses of several gentlemen, who were just arrived; in consideration for our good offices, he gave us our lodging, and a supper, gratis. Our apartment contained two beds, in one of which lay a discharged French valet, and a young Milesian, just come from Parkgate; another corner was full of oats for the horses; and by our bedside stood a large steel rat trap, ready baited. The candle being taken away we were soon asleep; but e'er long were disturbed by a voice which cried out, in the true gallic accent, *Pour l'amour de Dieu, ayez pitié de moy, the devil is in the chamber, je suis pris par la pied.* The noise awakened Teague, who starting up began his confiteor; the continued clamour of the Frenchman brought the host, and many of the guests, with lights; they beheld the

the poor Parisian standing trembling, with one foot caught in the trap; what appeared most singular, the culprit had his cloaths on, and a large bundle under his arm. Suspicious he had plundered us, Tom rose, and on examination found our linnen gone. Dermot alarmed, began to search for his apparel, and presently exclaimed, ah! you French tref, you have picked my pocket of my stockings: then snatching the fardel, opened it, and discovered our shirts, and his stockings. Monsieur was directly conducted into the yard, and handsomely pumped, and then turned into the street. We composed ourselves again after this disturbance, and slept till late next morning.

## CHAP.



## C H A P. II.

*Set out for Coventry, with Thomas, Dermot Sullivan. Meet with Mr. Jones the Stroller, who promises to recite his Adventures.*

WHEN we arose, Sullivan expressed a desire to bear us company, and to engage our good opinion, swore, by Jesus, he would not wrong us of a pin's point; my lads, said he; I am a Dublin boy, and defy the world, and all England beside, to say black is the white of my eye. We replied, his company would be very agreeable. This affair settled, we decamped, and our new acquaintance amused us on the road, with a description of his native city, and the frequent contests between the Liberty, and Ormond boys. While the honest Milesian was thus busied in encomiums on Dublin, the sky darkened, and the congregated clouds portended

ed a heavy shower ; we hastened forward, intending to shelter ourselves in a village, which was within ken, when the rain came down with such violence, that we were obliged to take refuge in an uninhabited hovel, near the road. We had just taken possession, when we observed a man advancing in the path we had left ; his singular actions roused our curiosity and attention, and we presently heard him apostrophy thus——Blow on ye winds, spout cataracts, and waters roar, ye suit the present temper of my soul.——These words, and the preceding action, amazed us ; however we hollowed to him, and advised him to shroud himself from the storm, in our hut ; he came directly towards us, and entered.

As the rain continued some time, I took the liberty, to ask the reason of his preceding words : he informed me, as his profession was acting on the stage, and that the speech we had heard him repeat, was what just then

then presented itself to his mind, as applicable to his present circumstances. The rain soon abating, we pushed forwards, and soon reached Meridon, and entered an alehouse, dried our cloaths, and ordered some refreshment to be got ready. The player modestly retired to another part of the kitchen; and on being desired to join us, frankly owned he had no cash to pay his share of the reckoning; we obliged him to partake of our repast, and promised to treat him. After we had recruited our spirits with some excellent ale, and good boiled beef, we all grew cheerful; and our stage friend repeated so many extracts from the most celebrated plays, that my curiosity was interested, to know his adventures in his way of life; I requested the recital, and he promised to oblige me.

## CHAP.

## C H A P. III.

*The Adventures of the strolling Player.*

HE began thus: 'Tis unnecessary to descend to the particular events, of my most juvenile years; neither will I disingenuously endeavour to gain your respect, by deriving myself from a nobler stock than is my due. Suffice it to inform you, my father, (whose name is Jones) is an honest farmer, of Glamorganshire, who, like other Welchmen, believing himself nobly derived, was desirous I should be tolerably educated: when my school-master judged me a sufficient scholar, my father, who had many other children, gave me a few guineas, and advised me to seek my fortune, charging me never to disgrace my descent by a servile employ. I promised to obey his commands, and having received his blessing, set out in quest of business.

After



After a week's unsuccessful travel, I arrived at a village in Herefordshire, and took up my lodging at a little alehouse. I had begun to regale myself with some good liquor, when a tall raw-bone man, who sat opposite reading, suddenly started up, and fixing his eyes on me, exclaimed, I'll hear no more, "Die prophet in thy speech, "for this amongst the rest was I ordained."—Astonished, and terrified at his behaviour, and by no means prepossessed in favour of his appearance, I concluded (what perhaps you first thought of me,) that he was frantic, and began to deprecate his fury, assuring him I had never said any thing to his prejudice. I had hardly opened my mouth, when he assumed a more composed aspect, and suffered me to conclude my justification; which I had no sooner done, then bursting into a loud laughter, he begged my pardon; telling me, what he had repeated was an extract from a celebrated play; that he was to exhibit

hibit the principal character in the evening, and would introduce me to the representation, gratis, to compensate for my fright. Satisfied with this apology, I invited him to drink with me, he did not require pressing, and we soon emptied our pot, which he ordered to be replenished: when this was almost drank, he started up, and desired me to accompany him to the play-house; then putting his hand into his pocket, he drew out a purse, which seemed full of gold, and insisted on paying the reckoning; but after turning his treasure over, could find no silver; he then desired me to lend him a few shillings, till he could procure change. I directly laid down five or six shillings on the table, he took them up, and promised payment at our return. Having satisfied the landlady, he conducted me to the theatre, which was a ruinous barn, and put me in a convenient place; he then retired to dress, and the play soon began. The piece was miserably

bly perform'd, yet the beauties of the author were still visible.

I was transported with pleasure, and remembering my father's injunction, thought, that since I could not be a real king, the noblest business I could chuse, would be a player; the representative of the greatest monarchs, and heroes of antiquity. I determined to offer my service to the master of the company, and hoped, through the interest of my new friend, I should not be rejected. Impatient to execute my scheme, I went behind the scenes; and when the piece was ended, desired him to return with me, having something of importance to communicate. We soon arriv'd at the alehouse, and retir'd into a little room, where I signified my desire to become one of their society; he heard me with apparent surprise, and when I had fully expressed my sentiments, assur'd me, that his humanity, exclusive of the regard he had conceiv'd for me, requir'd him to display,

display, the many almost insuperable difficulties attending my project : few, very few, says he, acquire reputation on the stage ; few possess the many requisites necessary to form a complete player, as voice, action, a pleasing person, and a liberal education : however, if notwithstanding these discouragements, you resolve to proceed, I will give you my assistance ; you see I play the first characters, and am grown old in the business. The conversation now became general, and I asked his opinion of a personable young man, who play'd Richmond, and appear'd with great advantage in the entertainment : all that glistens is not gold, replies Mr. Canker, when I enter'd this company he only play'd messengers, and other trifling parts, how should he excel ? he has had no experience, and there is no growing a comedian like mushrooms. Though his opinions seem'd very partial, yet desirous of information, I intreated him to give me  
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an account of their company, which he supported by his superior talents. Pleas'd with this incense, he became very communicative: I willingly gratify your curiosity, says he, resuming the conversation, our manager is a mere ignoramus in stage business, yet hath had the audacity, to attempt the haughty, gallant, gay Lothario; though there is not a more awkward wretch existing, risum teneate amice. He was originally a journeyman carpenter, whose uncle, an old publican, dying, he became possess'd of a few hundreds, and set up manager; in a few months he'll probably return to his saw and plane.

Our heroine, was a lady's woman, who quitted her mistress's service, to shine in Juliet; she, a wretched creature, however she may subsist: a young actress, though an execrable performer, may live where a man of superior talents would starve; you understand me?

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The person who represents our misers, is a young man of good parentage; his father procur'd him a genteel employ, which he hath repeatedly abandon'd, to become a shocking actor.

There is beside, a woman, who plays small parts, washes our linnen, and is a Doll common to all; and an old man and his wife, who are occasionally made use of, in some characters; he snuffs the candles, beats the drum, shifts the scenes; and being an excellent pocher, often treats us with some game.

He was proceeding, when a knock at our door, put a stop to his narration; he got up, and opening the door, introduced the young man who had play'd Richmond, you come most opportunely, says Canker, this young gentleman, desires to be initiated into the mysteries of Thespis; I believe he's worthy, and beg you'll join your interest, with mine, to Mr. Sawpit. I shall be glad to serve your friend,

friend, answers Mr. Wilding, and sitting down, began to talk with such sprightliness of sentiment, and delicacy of language, that quite charm'd me.

After supping together, I call'd the hostess, and desir'd her to show me a chamber; she inform'd me, there were no beds empty in the house: Mr. Wilding removed this difficulty, by offering me part of his own; and laying down his share of the score, offered to conduct me to his lodging. Having no silver left, I refer'd the landlady to Mr. Canker, who, I told her, owed me a trifle. Aye, aye, hostess, says Canker, set it down to me. Don't tell me, interrupts the landlady, you owe already for three weeks board, and for what I see, are not able to pay your own debts; and I'll have the young man's money before he goes. Mighty well, madam, exclaims Canker, fine usage this, for a gentleman! and getting up walked out of the room, to his own chamber.

Finding

Finding he had no inclination to repay me, I pay'd my share and follow'd Wilding, to whom I recounted the whole of my acquaintance with Canker; he laugh'd at my fright, and was much diverted at my account of his brother comedian's riches, assuring me what I had seen in the purse were only brazen counters, used in some parts, where show of cash was necessary.

Finding myself the dupe of this conceited stroller, I made no scruple of divulging the portraits, he had given me of Wilding, and the other performers; my companion smil'd, and observ'd Mr. Canker was excellent at a deform'd likeness; he is, (says Wilding) one of those misanthropes, who hate all the world, and do not even love themselves; his wit consists in ridiculing all around him; his malice is more particularly directed to the most excellent in our art, even Garrick, the inimitable Garrick, cannot escape his cynical remarks, those



those amiable pauses, “ that broken  
 “ voice, and ev’ry function suiting,”  
 are in his opinion carried to a faulty  
 extreme; the sententious Sheridan,  
 the articulate sprightly Smith, and  
 truly comic Yates, are food for his  
 envy; by this we arriv’d at Wild-  
 ing’s lodgings, where I past the night  
 in dreaming of kings, queens, and  
 heroes. In the morning I attended  
 Mr. Sawpit, who receiv’d me on the  
 recommendation of Mr. Wilding, and  
 I commenc’d player; since when, my  
 fortunes have been various, some  
 towns turn out tolerably, but gene-  
 rally our shares are hardly sufficient to  
 support a miserable being; a spirit of  
 envy, discontent, and pride, keeps us  
 disunited; were not my friendship  
 for Wilding sincere, and my hopes to  
 get on the London stage sanguine, I  
 would sooner black shoes, than con-  
 tinue with wretches, who practise the  
 meanest shifts for support.

They are now remov’d to Daven-  
 try, the manager on horseback, with

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Miss

Miss Mincing, our chief actress, behind him, the others are in a wagon among the scenery; I chose to walk, and should have been accompanied by Wilding, had his shoes been equal to the task. 'Tis likely the magistrates will not admit them, if that's the case, 'tis probable I shall have twenty miles farther to trudge.

Here ended the unfortunate player, and we were forc'd to confess, that if our condition was wretched, his was much worse.

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## C H A P. IV.

*Arrive at Coventry, and meet with  
Lieutenant Browler. Engage with  
that Gentleman.*

**I**N the adversity of others, (says the ingenious Rochfoucault) we find some relief. The maxim was now verified, our companion's misfortunes, and the philosophy with which he bore them, encourag'd us to emulate his example, and go on boldly; we agreed to keep together, as long as possible, and set out in high spirits. We arriv'd at Coventry late in the afternoon, and stop'd at a house in the suburbs, from whence I dispatch'd Tom, to endeavour to get us a lift for a few miles farther in some carriage, till his return, Mr. Jones diverted with some comical expedients of himself and his fraternity. During the story, we heard an hoarse voice at the door, calling out, Landlord, have you  
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any land crabs on board? our host ran immediately to the door, and return'd with a tall, lusty man, dress'd in a blue coat, the skirts of which were considerably too short; a waistcoat, adorn'd with a tarnish'd gold lace; and velvet breeches, considerably worn: by his side depended a weapon, which might not improperly be term'd a dagger, though it was put on like a sword. We immediately made room for this singular person, who seated himself by the fire side; after a silence of some minutes, he began to talk to us, (first squirting a mouthful of tobacco spittle into the fire) which way are you steering, my lads? (says he) being answer'd to London; what, continues he, I suppose you are brave boys, who intend to make your fortunes at sea? if that's you aim, why, dammee, I commend you, and, mahaps, 'tis in my power, to do more for you than you are aware of; for, my lads, I've the honour to be lieutenant of as hopeful a  
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privateer, as any in the river; sails like the wind; and, d—n my blood, if I'd take ten thousand pounds for my chance; for, d'ye see, we've information, d—n me, we know what we go on; in a certain latitude we shall meet, but mum, for that, secrecy is the soul of our enterprize. Now look ye, my lads, if so be you've a mind to cleave the ocean, why I'll send you to town in the waggon, at my own expence, and give you a line to Capt. M<sup>c</sup> Avery. I assur'd him, my inclinations led me to accept his offer, and if a young man, my companion, would either go with me, or consent to separate, I wou'd thankfully accept his proposal: Mr. Jones excus'd himself, on account of his prior engagements with the company; and Teague absolutely refus'd. Capt. Brawler seem'd pleas'd with my forwardness, and swore he would be my friend in all weathers, if I behaved like a lad of mettle. Ah! my boys, says he, had you seen the

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dreadful engagements, thundering bombardments, and dangerous expeditions I've been engag'd in, why d—n me, you'd be fit to command a squadron, — but blast me, merit is kept down in the navy — the merchant service for me; there's our commodore, Capt. M<sup>r</sup> Avery, cou'd never get command in the king's service; and I, myself, was only a common man, what o'that, I'm as good a seaman as the best of them.

Tom now return'd, and reported the carriages were all gone, but that he had met with a 'squire who wanted a boy that understood horses, and would employ him; I told Thomas what the lieutenant had offer'd, and oblig'd him to go back and engage himself. With some hesitation he complied, and having retain'd himself in the gentleman's service, got permission to come and take his leave of me. We dedicated the night to mirth, and the officer, forgetting his superior rank, did us the honour to get drunk

drunk at our expence. Jones repeating in character of Bajazet, made the mansion echo ; and Teague sung Irish songs, and danc'd about the kitchen ; at length stupified, with the soporiferous fumes of the ale, we all stagger'd to bed.

## C H A P. V.

*He sends me to Town in the Waggon.  
Arrive at Daventry, where Mr.  
Jones joins his Company. I see a  
Play, and next Day arrive in Lon-  
don. Am sent on board the Arab.*

AURORA, in the shape of a cherry cheek'd lass, knock'd at our chamber door, and told us the captain wanted us : we immediately arose, and attended that son of Neptune : who assuming a countenance of command, gave me to understand, I must be more vigilant on board the Arab ; I alledg'd the last night's in-

temperance, as an excuse; he was graciously pleas'd to accept this defence: and ask'd me, if I had resolv'd to make my fortune with him? my answer was so satisfactory, that he unbent his ferocious brows, and assumed a placid countenance: assuring me he would be my friend, if I continued to behave well: told me, the master waggoner would bear my expences on the road, and deliver me to a gentleman, who would board me, till sent for on board the Arab.

I embrac'd my faithful Tom, and follow'd the lieutenant to the waggon: where I prevail'd on the driver, to carry Mr. Jones, to Daventry, for a few shillings: and having finally taken leave of, and shook hands with Thomas, we mounted the vehicle, and proceeded on our journey. The player beginning to express some solicitude for my future welfare: I begg'd him not to discourage me with his fears, since I had advanc'd too far to recede,



recede, but rather divert me; since I should speedily be depriv'd of his agreeable company; he acquiesc'd and oblig'd me with some merry stories, and was singing a comic song, when a passenger, we had never seen, started out of the package, and in a voice expressive of great horror, cried out, —avant satan,—I detest mirth,—I had prophane songs,—they have damn'd me, Mr. Barebone said so,—I shall howl in hell,—I never found the Lord,—I never knew him,—fine cloths were my delight, and the pride of the world my study,—O when shall I be regenerate. Having utter'd these words, he sunk down again, and groan'd pitiously.

We could not comprehend this mystery, till Dick the waggoner told us, this man was a creditable farmer's son, who had been driven mad by a methodist preacher, and that his friends were sending him to bedlam: Mr. Jones endeavour'd to pacify the poor creature; assuring him, his case

was not so desperate as he imagin'd: how do you know? interrupted the mad man; no, no, I'm accurs'd, all are accurs'd that love merriment, wakes, and fairs, Barebone's sermons say so. Jones took this opportunity to defend his own profession, which he observ'd, deserv'd encouragement, merely as an antidote against that gloomy fanaticism, which extends itself over England: I thought his arguments very conclusive, and began to entertain a better opinion of the strollers, who with all their vices, can never injure religion, so much as low minded, self-interested enthusiasts, who desire the benevolent deity, should be an object of universal horror, that they may become more necessary; and extort the effects of their deluded disciples, under the specious pretence of charity.

We arriv'd at Daventry in the evening; and fortunately stopp'd at the inn, where Mr. Jones's confederates had set up their theatre. He came very opportunely, to represent an  
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hero, in a tragedy, which had been ordered : had he not arriv'd, the character must have been perform'd by a woman, who was dress'd for the part. Mr. Jones introduc'd me to his friend Wilding ; and having procur'd me a seat, I saw the piece, wherein my friend play'd three different parts : I could not forbear smiling, to see him appear with a pompous plume, and a glittering habit ; while he still wore his shabby breeches, and dirty shoes and stockings. The heroine was badly equip'd, and gave me an idea of misery beyond description : her robes were a tatter'd lutestring, lac'd down the seams with tinsel ; the wide sleeves of this garment, discovered a shift, black as jet ; and every step she took, a large hole became visible in the heel of a greasy pink stocking. When the play was over, Mr. Jones receiv'd his share, which amounted to one shilling and sixpence. I condoled him for his ill fortune ; when he laugh'd aloud, and  
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cried out, not so bad, not so bad ; I've shar'd only six-pence before this, for playing Richard the Third, and the Lying Valet : we supp'd together, and then took a friendly farewell. Next day we arriv'd in London, where I found the lieutenant's correspondent ready to receive me ; by whom I was conducted through the city, to his house, which was full of enterprizing young fellows like myself : a large buttock of beef was dress'd for our suppers, after which we were regaled with a bowl of punch, which sent most of us reeling to bed. In the morning, I express'd a desire to see my mother ; but was inform'd, they could not permit this favour, because we must all go on board in a few hours : I was much mortified at this prohibition ; but considering there was no remedy, took courage, and patiently waited the orders to decamp : an ill look'd fellow came in towards evening, with a cockade in his hat, and a brass hilted hanger by his side ;  
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he strutted about the kitchen several times, and at length, in an imperious tone, bid us get ready: being inform'd we waited for his commands, he order'd us to follow him; and led us to an house, where we waited till the tide serv'd, and then went on board the Gravesend hoy: the weather being sharp, a fire was made between decks; where I remain'd, till the smoak and horrid execrations of my companions, oblig'd me to take refuge on deck; where I pass'd the remaining part of the night, in beholding the beautiful reflection of the moon, which play'd on the water; which with the radiance of the enspangled firmament, gave birth to such pleasing sensations, that made ample amends for the coolness of the air: by gradual degrees, this enchanting scene disappear'd, and made way for the approach of morn, which advancing, discovered the neighbouring shores: Gravesend appear'd at a small distance; where we no sooner arriv'd,

riv'd, then our officer hir'd a boat, which convey'd us on board the Arab.

## C H A P. VI.

*Description of our Ship. Characters and Behaviour of the Officers, and private men. Transactions on board. We get into Coruna. I desert.*

THE ship I belong'd to, had formerly carried twenty-six guns, in the king's service ; but being old, and a bad sailer, was purchas'd by some ignorant people, who loaded her with fourteen pounders, on the main deck, and lesser cannon on the quarter deck, and forecastle. The expences of repairing, and fitting her, and a sloop for the sea, would have been sufficient to have bought two vessels of a modern construction, adapted to the expeditious business of privateers.

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The owners had display'd equal sagacity in victualling their ships, and choosing commanders; sending on board large quantities of damag'd salt fish, and bad English brandy; and appointing two commanders, who hated each other: their contests occasioned an open rupture in the river; till at length they appointed another captain to the sloop, more agreeable to commodore M' Avery; who, in his person and manners, resembled the Buccaneers of the last age. He had acquir'd a large fortune in the preceding war, which was already lavish'd in gaming, and every extravagance; however, he was an excellent seaman, vigilant, and hardy; but these desirable qualities, were obscur'd by the most savage cruelty. His first lieutenant, was a Scotch Highlander; who inherited the courage, indefatigable industry, and pride of his countrymen: the second was a reduc'd beau; who affected the manners of a fine gentleman. Lieutenant Brawler, (my friend)

friend) had the character of a cowardly, blustering sharper: our master had been a famous smuggler: the captain of marines, was on shore a smith, a bruiser, and a sword player; under the auspices of Broughton, and Sherlock; his lieutenant was a broken stationer, who was oblig'd to abscond, for counterfeiting the paper stamps.

The rest of the subalterns, and private men, were generally people of ruin'd fortunes, who fled from their creditors, or the gallows: almost every individual of this hopeful crew, solac'd himself with his strumpet, before the cruise: all discipline was neglected, and every vice reign'd triumphant. At length our commander caus'd a general muster, and was pleas'd to permit the most creditable young men, to walk the quarter deck. I enjoy'd this honour among others. The advance money was paid, a large part of which was deducted to defray what several owed to proprietors; my journey to town was set at a  
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dear rate by Mr. Brawler, who left me but very little cash.

Soon after we sail'd for the bay, in the most tempestuous month of the year, having first sent the prostitutes on shore: three parts of our crew were infected with the venereal disease, and the others had no notion of subordination to their superiors. The commodore, and his officers, arm'd themselves with speaking trumpets; which serv'd at once, to give their orders, and knock down the indolent and audacious; they vented their fury indiscriminately, on the guilty and innocent, and carried their severity to a most criminal excess. One day discovered a thief, the next brought to light crimes of a more unnatural, and detestable nature; the hearing was incessantly shock'd with diabolical blasphemies, the eyes with disagreeable mortifying objects, and the smell with pestilential scents. I mess'd with one of the mates, and two of the volunteers; one of whom was a discarded footman,

footman, and profess'd infidel ; who had pick'd up so many arguments against christianity, that he preach'd his doctrine very successfully : the other was sent on board by his wise father, to reclaim him from vicious habits, a fine school of virtue ! we scour'd the seas near five months, without any opportunity occurring, to strike a fortunate stroke : however, though we took no French ships, yet we plunder'd all we came near, of other nations, without any remorse ; in short, we were the profess'd enemies of all, we could wrong with impunity. At length, the sickness of our men, the want of water, and many other conveniencies, oblig'd us to put into Coruna ; where I determin'd to escape this disagreeable ship, the first opportunity. I soon got permission to go on shore, and landed in Spain, with as much joy as a bird escap'd from his cage ; resolving never to return on board ; having concerted a scheme with some other deserters, we resolv'd to

to put in execution the next day: till when, reader, I shall leave thee to consider the charms of privateering.

## C H A P. VII.

*Set out for Ferrol; find no English Ships; return to Coruna, and from thence travel to St. Jago, where I meet with Lopez, and Don Sancho de Roxas, who entertain me.*

**T**HE next day I set out, with many others, for Ferrol, where unfortunately I found no English ships; and after a week spent in wandering about that town, and Stira, a little place about half a mile distant, I determin'd to return to Coruna, and then proceed to Oporto. Being come back to this fortress, I got a list of the towns in my road, and immediately set forward: towards night I arriv'd at Carral, a small village some miles distant, where I had an happy encounter

counter with an old Gallician who spoke French ; being inform'd of my distress, he told me he was going to St. Jago, which was seven leagues on my way, and offer'd to take me in his company ; I thankfully accepted his proffer, and next morning we set out together, and reach'd St. Jago in the afternoon : we refresh'd ourselves at the first tavern, and then my conductor shew'd me the town, the famous cathedral, and the college.

St. Jago, capital of Gallicia, stands upon an eminence which commands the whole country ; it is surrounded by old fortifications in the Moorish stile ; the cathedral is a heavy, Gothic building, dedicated to St. James, whose suppos'd reliques are preserved in a costly shrine ; the inside of the church is adorn'd with a profusion of silver and gold, which is cover'd with the smoke of the lamps,—here is an old iron cross, under which the pilgrims creep.

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When I had satisfied my curiosity, Balthazar took me back to the tavern; where we supp'd with a young scholar, named Lopez de Zuniga, who address'd me in French, and made me an offer of a share in his bed at the college: having accepted his invitation, I thank'd Balthazar for his civilities, and followed Signor Lopez: next morning he took me into the town, where we were join'd by a young gentleman, call'd Sancho de Roxas, who spoke a little English, and behav'd with uncommon complaisance; after taking me round the walls, he insisted we should dine with him; we attended him to his lodgings, and were treated with the utmost hospitality; I was charm'd with the noble frankness, and generosity of this young gentleman; and was in pain to see the gloom of melancholy spread over his face. After dinner Zuniga propos'd a walk to Padron, a little village about two miles from St. Jago; Don Sancho excus'd himself  
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from going with us, but desir'd us to see him at our return; Lopez promis'd he would wait on him, and then conducted me to Padron.

As we walk'd along, I express'd my sorrow at Don Sancho's melancholy, and intreated my friend to satisfy me, what were his motives for so apparent a dejection; he promis'd to oblige me; and being arriv'd at Padron, led me into a vineyard, which abounded with the most delicious grapes, and other fruits, which are the product of Spain. Being seated in a cool recess of the garden, he called for some wine, and the choicest fruits, and then gave me the history of his friend Don Sancho.

## C H A P. VIII.

*History of Don Sancho de Roxas.  
Sup with that Gentleman.*

**D**ON Sancho de Roxas, (says the scholar) is of an antient and honourable family in Granada; his father, Don Manuel, hath ever distinguished himself, by the constant practice of every hospital virtue; about a year since he resided at Alicant, where he is universally esteem'd. It chanc'd a French captain brought into that port, an English ship he had just taken at the back of Gibraltar: among his other prisoners were a lady and her daughter, which the Frenchman generously landed. Don Manuel being inform'd of the gentlewoman's misfortune, invited her to his house; he promis'd either to send her to Gibraltar, by the next vessel that sail'd; or, if more agreeable, provide proper carriages, to transport her thither by land:

land: the ladies express'd their sense of his goodness, and were introduc'd to Donna Leonora, who was charm'd with the good mein and polish'd manners of these English women. The youngest, especially, was a wonder, and added, to her personal attractions, the most accomplish'd mind.

Donna Leonora carried them to her country house; Don Sancho attended, and waited on them with the gallantry natural to the young Spanish cavaliers. When they arriv'd at Fuentes, Donna Leonora took care their reception should do honour to her husband's benevolent temper; and supplied the strangers with every convenience, persons of condition could desire; and appointed servants to observe their orders with respect: when they were recovered from the fatigue of the journey, Donna Leonora, and her son, welcom'd them to Fuentes.

Mrs. Beaumont acknowledg'd her surprise, at the unparallel'd civility of  
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Donna Leonora, and pray'd heaven to give her an opportunity, to testify her gratitude: Miss Caroline was silent; but her eyes spoke the grateful sentiments of her heart. Don Sancho beheld her with admiration; her auburn hair falling in ringlets on her ivory neck, her fine blue eyes, the harmony of her shape, and majestic mein, all conspir'd to fill him with pleasing astonishment; in short he lov'd, but resolv'd to check his passion, till better acquainted with the perfection of her mind, and the family she was deriv'd from: a walk in the gardens being propos'd, by Donna Leonora, he snatch'd the occasion, and while his mother convers'd with Mrs. Beaumont, he talk'd to Miss Caroline; ask'd many questions relative to her travels, which she answer'd so pertinently, that he was convinc'd her understanding was as exalted as her beauty; then assuming an air of gallantry, discours'd of love: her sprightly repartees, which were

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still severely modest, finish'd her conquest. He then follow'd the other ladies, who were return'd into the house; and having join'd them, soon learn'd from his mother, that Mr. Beaumont was lately deceas'd at Naples, after they had made the grand tour, which he had undertaken to divert his wife and daughter. He judg'd from this, that his charmer was a person of quality.

Every thing seem'd to flatter his amour; they profess'd the roman catholic religion, and had in their service an English girl, who spoke French; he determin'd to assure himself of her assistance; and a few days after secretly inform'd her of his passion for her young mistress; and giving her his purse, and a diamond ring, begg'd her to assist him in his amour. Jenny was willing to undertake his cause, and soon after convey'd a letter from him to her mistress: that lovely girl esteem'd Don Sancho, and was not displeas'd at this proof of his esteem; but

but fearful of some ill consequences, resolv'd to discourage his addresses for the present: however, the amorous Sancho, who watch'd every opportunity, saw her go into the garden next morning, he immediately follow'd; and when he observ'd her seated in an alcove, which was surrounded with trees, whose interwoven branches prevented any discovery, he threw himself at her feet; and in the most respectful, yet ardent expressions, besought her to permit him to love her, protesting his life depended on her favourable answer. She begg'd him to rise, and, cover'd with rosy blushes, own'd her obligations to him and his parents; said she had no prior engagement, nor any aversion to him, that she had always regulated her conduct by her mother's advice; and begging him not to desire her to deviate from so necessary a duty, desir'd him to act with openness, and not endeavour to proceed in an affair which would probably entail on her the resentment

of his parents. Don Sancho continued to intreat she would permit him to keep his passion a secret for a short time, and vow'd he would openly demand her, before her departure: after much sollicitation she consented, and even approv'd of some reasons he gave her for this procedure: to prevent suspicion, she return'd by herself; and from that, a mutual flame warm'd their hearts.

Caroline had receiv'd several epistles from her Sancho, and their amour was successfully carried on some weeks; when Mrs. Beaumont, looking for some sealing wax in her daughter's escutcheon, she observ'd some letters in an unknown character; having perus'd the contents, she sent for Caroline, and express'd her displeasure at her conduct, commanding her to forbear such rashness for the future, and never receive any letters from Don Sancho: then leaving her afflicted daughter, she carried the letters to Donna Leonora, who despaired



spaired of ever accomplishing the match; being well acquainted with Don Manuel's weakness, who she well knew, would never permit his son to marry a lady who could not produce authentic proofs of her nobility for some centuries: she therefore requested Mrs. Beaumont, to prevent their future correspondence.

Jenny, who was witness of this fatal discovery, ran to Don Sancho, and told him what had happened: he was in despair at this information, and after acting a thousand extravagancies, he beg'd Jenny to procure him another interview in the garden: the faithful girl return'd and describ'd his distress, in so pathetic a manner, that the charming Caroline promis'd to meet him when her mamma was in bed: she came at the appointed hour, with Jenny; when Don Sancho painted his fears of an eternal separation; observ'd, such an accident would infallibly kill him; and conjured her, by their mutual affections, to pre-

vent so tragic a catastrophe, by a private marriage: Jenny seconded his arguments, and at length their united solicitations prevailed: he had procured a priest, who waited in a neighbouring house; joyful of success, he flew to fetch him; he presently return'd on the wings of love, but found neither his adored Caroline, nor Jenny: distracted with fear, he begg'd the father to walk into a summer house, while he sought the lady; then he ran into the house, where his valet inform'd him, that Mrs. Beaumont, suspecting some mischief, had got up, and finding her daughter's bed empty, had alarm'd Donna Leonora, who found her and Agnis in the garden. Mad with disappointment, he ran up stairs, intending to expostulate with his mother, when, to his unspeakable confusion, he found his father just arriv'd, and acquainted with his amour. Don Manuel reproach'd his son for the baseness of his inclinations, commanded him to leave  
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the room. The disconsolate Sancho retir'd, withdrew, and went into the garden, overcome with grief, and threw himself down under some orange trees, near the house; he groan'd, and lifting up his hands, begg'd heaven to release him from the insupportable affliction, that attended the loss of his dear Caroline. While he utter'd these words aloud, something was thrown from a lattice, which fell on his shoulder; he disregarded this at first, but observing it shine with the reflection of the moon, he took it up, and seeing it was a pocket book, he directly conceiv'd from whence it came; and putting it in his bosom, went to his chamber, where he open'd it, with a mixture of hope and fear, and found the following billet:

Dear Lover,

*Heaven, indignant at our disobedient  
timidity, is pleas'd to separate us: let  
us mutually endeavour, by patience and  
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*fidelity to each other, and strictly adhering to virtue, to deserve that union we both so ardent desire,*

*Your ever faithful,*

CAR. BEAUMONT.

Sancho kiss'd the dear epistle ten thousand times, and threw himself upon the bed: the loss of so much virtue and beauty, and the perturbation of his mind, gave him a fever; and when his servant came to call him next morning, he found him delirious; however, the strength of his constitution, the prescriptions of an eminent physician, and the care of Donna Leonora, restor'd him to health. He was inform'd, the ladies had sail'd for England near a week: and full of despair, fell into a deep melancholly, which nothing could divert: at length his father sent him to St. Jago, to finish his studies.

The old gentleman cannot long support the fury of an incurable distemper,



temper, which prays upon his vitals: whenever he dies, Don Sancho determines to sail for England, and find out his Caroline.

I thank'd Signor Lopez for his story; and after an agreeable collation, return'd to St. Jago; where we sup'd with Don Sancho, who renew'd his civilities, and kept us, till the repeated tolls of the college bell, oblig'd us to separate.

## C H A P. IX.

*Don Sancho supplies me with some necessaries, and hires a Muletier to carry me to Pont Evedra. Arrive at that Town; from whence I proceed to Vigo. The Civilities of Mr. White, the Consul. Go on board a Portuguese Schooner. The Occurrences on board that Vessel. A furious Storm obliges us to put into a Creek. I go on Shore with Mons. Bellegarde and his Lady. He recounts his Adventures. We are interrupted by a pressing danger. Make our Escape across the Minho, into Portugal.*

**T**HE next morning I prepared for my departure, and bid the generous Spaniards adieu. Don Sancho, who knew my necessity, oblig'd me to accept some linen, and a few dollars: then he recommended me to an honest Muletier, who was going  
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to Pont Evedra ; I departed immediately.

Travelling now became pleasant ; I had a good mule, and money in my Pocket : we din'd at a small inn, on some miserable salt fish, and sour wine ; and, after this homely repast, proceeded on our journey. About evening, we arriv'd in Pont Evedra, and put up at an house, where I hop'd to make myself amends for my scanty dinner, but was disappointed ; the supper consisting of a meagre neck of mutton, swimming in an ocean of soup. Next day I set out for Vigo, where I apply'd to Mr. White, the consul ; to whom I ingenuously confess'd my desertion : happily, he was no stranger to our commander's character, and commended my procedure. He detain'd me some days at his house, show'd me the town ; and there being no English ships in the harbour, paid for my passage to Lisbon, in a Portuguese schooner. Soon after, a favourable wind summon'd

mon'd me on board, having first taken a respectful leave of this generous gentleman. I found many passengers on board, and the anchor already weigh'd: I had just enter'd the vessel, when a second boat came along-side, and two young men follow'd me on board; the eldest address'd the captain, and inform'd him, a near relation was lately dead in Lisbon, that their immediate presence was necessary, and beg'd him to find some room for them in the schooner; offering him an handsome present for their passage, and promising a farther reward, on their arrival in the Tagus. The master, who was unable to refuse a present gratification, and a future hopes, promis'd all they desir'd; and struck with admiration and respect, at their good mein, conducted them into his cabin: the eldest of the strangers soon return'd, and inform'd the captain, his cousin was indispos'd, and was endeavouring to compose himself to sleep: then desiring he might not  
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be disturb'd, he sat down by me, and  
 taking up a perspective glass, view'd  
 the Spanish coast: at length he laid  
 down the telescope, and spoke to me  
 in Spanish; the captain told him I  
 was an Englishman, and did not un-  
 derstand the language; the gentleman  
 directly address'd me in French, and  
 finding I understood him, began  
 to tell me he'd been in England;  
 and made such sensible observations  
 on my country, and so handsome an  
 eulogium on the kingdom in general,  
 that I was charm'd, and express'd my  
 satisfaction in the warmest terms, re-  
 questing the honour of his friendship;  
 he return'd the most obliging answer.  
 We had sail'd some leagues, when the  
 wind shifting about, became contra-  
 ry, and began to blow so furiously,  
 that the captain judg'd it convenient  
 to alter his course, and run the schoo-  
 ner into a creek, till the tempest sub-  
 sided. When we had enter'd this  
 asylum, and cast anchor, the master  
 permitted us to walk ashore, till the  
 weather

weather became calmer : glad of the opportunity, I ran to call the strangers, intending to beg the favour of their company ; I was greatly surpris'd to find the eldest cousin kissing the hand of the other ; but when I consider'd the extraordinary beauty, and feminine favour of this person, I became convinc'd, my eyes beheld a woman. They appear'd confounded at my intrusion, which I excus'd by telling my business ; and assur'd them, I was ambitious to manifest my esteem, by the most violable secrecy : the gentleman took me by the hand, and said he would repose an entire confidence in my honour ; then addressing himself to the lady, come my dear Clara, (said he) abandon your fears, and let us us enjoy the pleasure of a country walk.

When landed, we took a different path from the other passengers, which brought us to a verdant grove, where the harmony of the birds, and the beauty of the surrounding landscape,

skip, invited us to sit down on an odoriferous bank, enamel'd with flowers, which commanded an extensive prospect on each side the river Minho; on one part appear'd Tuy, on the other the Portuguese fortifications, while the lofty mountains of Galicia terminated the scene. After contemplating these various objects, the gentleman broke silence: as a proof of my confidence, (says he) I will intrust you with the mystery of this lady's disguise.

I am descended from a good family in Provence, and serv'd against your nation in the present war; our ship put into St. Sebastians to revictual; while we were in this port, I fell dangerously sick, our ship sail'd without me; at length I recover'd, and being desirous to support the appearance of a gentleman, wrote to France for supplies; and receiv'd immediate remittances, and frequented the best company. Don Juan de Biralva, was my constant companion: this gentleman  
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was a knight of Alcantara, rich, and well born; I was always of his parties. After our familiarity had subsisted some months, he invited me to dine with a country gentleman, his friend, to whose neice he had been affianced. I am desirous (says Don Juan) to have your opinion of the lady, they say she's handsome, for my part I could never discover any of those striking perfections which are generally allow'd her; but the splendid fortune she brings, and her obedience to my desires, makes me resolve to espouse her. Though I respected Biralva, as my friend, who honour'd me with his acquaintance, yet I pitied the lady, who was condemn'd to his embraces.

Don Juan, was, to his dependants, the most haughty and oppressive man in the world, intolerable avaritious, besides the disproportion of age, being near fifty, and the lady only seventeen.

We arriv'd at Don James de Saldana's about noon, who receiv'd us politely;



politely; and sent a servant to inform Donna Clara of her lover's arrival: she came down directly, and amaz'd me with uncommon beauty. The fatal poison thrill'd thro' every vein, and I instantly became the rival of Don Juan, who appear'd to set so little value on his charming mistress. Her shining hair was of the deepest black, her eyes full of tender expressions, her complexion fair, her hands and arms of the most perfect symmetry; when I add she was tall, and very genteel, you will be convinc'd that you now behold that charming creature. Don Juan affected to treat this amiable girl with great indifference: I thought her eyes express'd an heart oppress'd with grief, which flatter'd me she might be averse to the marriage. Towards night we return'd, when Don Juan desir'd my thoughts of Donna Clara, I only answer'd, that in my opinion she was a beautiful, accomplished lady, and forbore to dwell on the subject, lest he should penetrate into

into my passion ; from that time I always attended him to Don James's ; one day a hunting match was proposed, and the next morning appointed for the sport ; we lay at Don Saldana's that night, and early next day mounted our horses, the beautiful Clara was of our party ; we soon started a large stag, which held us a long course, and at length took the river ; we immediately follow'd, and had reach'd the farther side, when a fearful shreak caused us to turn our heads, and oh ! heaven, beheld my beloved Clara fallen from her horse, and struggling in the river ; I jumped off of my hunter, and plunged in to her rescue ; fortunately seized her gown, just when her powers were exhausted, and she was sinking ; with some difficulty I brought her to land, and the gentlemen assisted me to mount her on my horse before me.

In this manner I convey'd her to Don James's house, where she was directly

directly put to bed ; and I was supplied with dry apparel by her uncle : Don Juan behav'd with great flegm through the whole affair ; and at last thank'd for the service, with apparent coldness, and seeming disgust. I immediately conjectur'd Biralva had observ'd my love, and sensible he would not fail, after discovery, to decline my company ; I was resolv'd to endeavour to avail myself of the present opportunity, and know my destiny, from the amiable Clara ; fortune favour'd my design ; for after dinner, a messenger arriv'd from St. Sebastians, with a letter, requiring Biralva's immediate presence ; he communicated the business to Don James, and promising to attend us in a few hours, mounted his horse and rode off : soon after his departure, the young lady came down, and acknowledg'd her sense of my assistance, in such grateful terms, that I conceiv'd hopes of success ; the absence of Biralva seem'd to give her satisfaction, and she was  
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enchantingly agreeable; I took my resolution directly, and retiring to the window, wrote the following note in my tablets:

Madam,

*I observe, with pain, the sacrifice you are destin'd to make of your person, to the unworthy Biralva; I have ever beheld you with love and admiration, and will willingly risque my life to deliver you from his tyranny: my birth and fortune are little inferior, and I shall think myself the happiest of mankind, if you deign to share it with the most respectful and affectinate of lovers, who am, with the greatest sincerity,*

*Your most devoted humble servant,*

Louis de Bellegarde.

I took an opportunity to give her this short epistle, unperceiv'd by Don James, to whom I address'd myself; the old gentleman entertain'd me with an account of his estates, to which I gave very little attention, having my eyes



eyes and thoughts cast on his lovely  
 neice ; I saw her blush on receipt of  
 the tablets, and presently after get up  
 and withdraw ; she return'd in a short  
 time, and I beheld with joy her coun-  
 tenance did not exhibit any signs of  
 anger ; but her conversation was more  
 reserv'd : at the approach of evening,  
 a servant arriv'd from Don Juan, and  
 brought a note to inform us he could  
 not return that night ; and that if I  
 pleas'd, his footman would attend me  
 home. I attributed this civility to his  
 jealousy, and resolv'd to comply, rather  
 than to increase his suspicions. After  
 supper, I took leave of Don James,  
 who endeavour'd to detain me ; and  
 casting a passionate regard on Donna  
 Clara, withdrew.

Biralva's laekey, being a sensible  
 good natur'd fellow, I had often ex-  
 press'd my approbation of him to his  
 master, whose fastidious disposition  
 overlook'd merit in a domestic : Die-  
 go, the valet I'm speaking of, took  
 occasion, as we rode along, to expati-  
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ate on his master's capricious temper, saying, he was resolved to seek another service, and beg'd me to retain him. A thought presented itself, that this man might be serviceable in my amour with Clara; and confiding in his fidelity, I intrusted him with my passion for that lady, and promis'd to take him as a valet; and, besides, otherways reward him beyond his expectation, if he would continue to bear the tyranny of Biralva a little longer; and help me to correspond with Clara.

Diego joyfully consented, and said, he should think it a most meritorious action. Here I interrupted Monsieur Bellegarde; and begg'd him to defer recounting the remainder of his story, till I could return and fetch some refreshment from the ship: then rising, I ran back, and was already in sight of our schooner, when a passenger stopp'd me, from whom, with some difficulty, I understood, a bark had enter'd our creek, which had on  
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board some people who were in pursuit of the young gentlemen; that they had sent out parties every way, and begg'd me to return and warn the fugitives of their danger. I thank'd the honest Spaniard, and hasten'd back: they were surpris'd to see me return'd so soon, and out of breath, and ask'd the reason; I could only answer, you are pursu'd, make your escape directly, and permit me to accompany your flight: they were too much confus'd to answer me, and seem'd at a loss what to do; when I begg'd the lady to rest on my arm, while her lover supported her on the other side.

We soon reach'd the Minho, where we fortunately found an empty boat, in which we plac'd Donna Clara, and then without concerning ourselves about the owner, put from shore directly, and took to the oars; we had scarcely got into the middle of the river, when the pursuers appear'd at a small distance; we redoubled our efforts, and

and soon landed in portugal, where we were safe from farther pursuit.

## C H A P. X.

*Take Horses, and a Chaise for the Lady. Bellegarde resumes his Story. We arrive at Lisbon, where I meet my Father.*

**B**EING deliver'd from our fears, we walk'd up to the Portuguese town; where Mr. Bellegarde hir'd a post chariot for his lady, and horses for himself and me, we took the road to Villa Nova. Mr. Bellegarde assur'd me he would gratefully acknowledge my assistance, and bear my expences to Lisbon; I return'd him thanks for his civility, and beg'd him to resume his story, which he continued as follows:

You may remember (says he) how willing Diego was to undertake the desir'd trust; that faithful fellow carried



ried several letters to my dear Clara. After I had corresponded in this manner near three months, I receiv'd the following note :

Sir,

*If you really love me, and your intentions are honourable, come this evening to the gate which opens into the fields, and you shall know what part you possess in the heart of*

CLARA.

I was enraptur'd with my good fortune, and mounting my horse rode towards Don James's, that I might arrive in good time : I reach'd the appointed place by dusk, and found my charmer punctual to her assignation ; in short she consented to return with me to St. Sebastians, and be privately married : having placed her behind me, I return'd into the road, and was got some miles from the house, when we were alarm'd by the sound of an approaching horse ; my

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heart suggested some mischief, and I begg'd my Clara to hide her face ; it was Biralva himself, he unfortunately knew us both, and in a transport of rage, demanded immediate satisfaction. I strove to evade his challenge, by observing the impropriety of fighting before the lady, who was dying with fear ; he made no answer, but snatching a pistol from his holsters, discharg'd it at me : enrag'd at his brutality I return'd his fire, and saw him fall motionless to the ground.

Clara was in the utmost consternation, and begg'd me to alter my course, and escape to some distant town ; I took the road for Galicia, and arriv'd at Pont Evedra, where I was married : having reason to expect a pursuit, I took the first opportunity to get off, and came on board the schooner ; having first disguis'd my wife in a suit of my clothes alter'd to fit her : fortunately she is provided with a large sum, which will serve us till I can oblige Don James to remit her fortune,

tune, or receive supplies from France. To you I am indebted that I still possess Clara, liberty, and life; I receive you as a valuable friend, and desire you will inform me, what hath brought you so far from home. I recounted my adventures to Mr. Bellegarde, omitting what was most humbling in my story; he heard me with compassion, and became my greatest benefactor.

I travell'd through Portugal at his expence, and was entertain'd at his house in Lisbon, and was supplied with money and apparel. I resided some months at his house; at length, the Tyger man of war enter'd the Tagus, and the officers coming often on shore, I was often in their company, and contracted a familiarity with one of the lieutenants; who hearing my name was Wander, told me he would introduce me to a name-sake, if I would go on board and dine with him: I enquir'd what the gentleman professed; and was answer'd, surgery.

I was strangely affected with this news, and offer'd to attend him directly; and having dispatch'd a porter with an excuse to Mr. Bellegarde, I went with the lieutenant, who took me on board, and led me into the gun-room, and then bid his boy call the surgeon: when that gentleman appear'd, I was struck with reverential awe, my heart throbb'd with hope, and confess'd the author of my being; however, I suppress'd my feelings, fearing a mistake. The friendly lieutenant then inform'd Mr. Wander, I was his name-fake, and was come purposely to see him; he now exhibited as strong emotions as myself, and begg'd to know what part of England I came from; being answer'd Derby, he exclaim'd, O my God! and then stood silent, lifting up his hands; at length, he resum'd his voice, and ask'd if my parents liv'd; I began succinctly to relate what I knew of them, he soon interrupted me, and throwing his arms about my neck, he  
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cried aloud, Oh my son! my son! nature operated on both, we mingled tears of joy with our mutual embraces; the lieutenant rejoiced he was the instrument of our felicity; and running on deck inform'd captain Manly, who sent his servant to desire our companies at dinner; my father deferr'd asking a detail concerning my relations, and myself, till a fitter opportunity, and we waited on the captain, who entertain'd us politely; and after dinner signified his desire to know my business in Lisbon. I gave him a brief account of my leaving the privateer, and journey to Portugal. Finding me unprovided, he offered me a midshipman's birth, which I thankfully accepted; only requesting permission to bid my friends adieu; he directly gave me leave to stay on shore if I pleas'd till the ship sail'd. That afternoon my father and me waited on my friends, who were overjoy'd at my good fortune, and insisted on our company till the ship's departure:

ture : we spent two months with them in a continual round of innocent pleasures, and before we left them had the pleasure to learn Don John was recovered of his wound, which enabled them to return to St. Sebastians with safety; having vow'd eternal friendship, and promis'd to correspond, we took an affectionate adieu, and return'd on board.

## CHAP.

## C H A P. XI.

*Leave Lisbon. My Father dies at Gibraltar. We go up the Straits. Am made Mate of the Tyger. Arrive at Genoa. Captain Manly exchanges Ships with Lord Rake. His Regulations and Behaviour. I become his Favourite, and assist in his Amours. The Sequel of our Italian Adventure.*

WE arrived safely at Cadiz, and having delivered some money, on account of the merchants, set sail for Gibraltar, the weather was intolerably sultry; these excessive heats produc'd an epidemic fever, and we lost several people daily.—My father, fatigued with constant attendance, and infected with the stench proceeding from numbers of diseas'd bodies, fell sick himself; and though attended by another very able surgeon from another ship, after a short illness died,

and left me in a condition more easy to be conceiv'd than describ'd. I was once more the sport of fortune, a poor individual among strangers; my grief was excessive; however, considering the necessity of action, I studied seamanship and navigation, very assiduously, and in a year's time became a good proficient. One of the mates dying about this time, captain Manly gratified me with his post: having spent several months in trips from Gibraltar to Minorca, and in accommodating a dispute with the dey of Algiers, we were at length order'd to join an admiral up the Mediterranean, where I had the honour to be present in some successful engagements. Our commander being recall'd, we sailed for Genoa, where was an English man of war, commanded by lord Rake, who had just receiv'd orders to sail for England. This nobleman apprehensive of a check for his mad freaks, chang'd ships with captain Manly, who



who soon after sail'd for England, to our infinite regret.

Lord Rake was a young man of debauch'd principles, ever exposing himself to imposition, or ridicule; foolishly attach'd to some, and obstinately severe against others who thwarted any any of his whims. He muster'd the ship's company when he came on board, and chose twelve of the most muscular seamen for his barge's crew, giving strict orders to them and the cockswain, to let their whiskers grow: having settled this important affair, he invited the principal officers to dinner; these gentlemen were habituated to the sober regimen of captain Manly, and no ways adapted to the terrible debauches of lord Rake, who soon sent them insensible to their respective cabbins. Proud of his superior talents, as a bacchanalian, next day the subalterns were invited to partake the same honour, among which number I attended; lord Rake observing my youth, demanded what induced cap-

tain Manly to rate me mate so early; being inform'd of that gentleman's friendship for my father, he appear'd satisfied, and we went to dinner: after stuffing ourselves with a profusion of good things, the cloth was remov'd, and an enormous bowl of punch, and a large quantity of wine were plac'd on the table, which was forc'd on us in such abundance, that a speedy intoxication produc'd noise, obscenity and discord; my lord still shone superior, his songs lewder than the others, his glass oftener emptied; at length he desired a specimen of my knowledge in a song. Having profited in this species of literature on board the Arab, I was able to delight my commander, who swore I was a hopeful, wicked young dog, and protested he would finish my education himself; at length, nature sunk under the fumes of drunkenness, I sunk down on the deck, and was conveyed to my hammock; next morning lord Rake sent for

for me into the cabbin, and address'd me thus :

Young Wander, I have taken a liking to you, you seem a lad of spirit, form'd to enjoy the world ; as a proof of my esteem, I'll inform you, that I am desperately in love with a beautiful Genoese, my hopes of success in this amour depend intirely on an old man, a distant relation, whom I have brib'd out of his honesty, though, hitherto, my liberality hath been useless ; you shall be my confidant, and go every day on shore to bring me tidings of his proceedings ; if you execute this trust with fidelity and profound secrecy, I will become your greatest friend ; but if you betray my intentions, I will set no bounds to my resentment. I assured him I would give him no occasion to repent his choice ; but would assiduously endeavour to serve him. My answer was so satisfactory, that he order'd me to dress, and go on shore with a letter directed to Signor Corbaccio, at the  
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sign of the galley, near the bank of St. George. The goodness of Mr. Bellegarde, and my father's death, had enabled me to appear genteely, I had several handsome suits, good linnen, hats and a sword : having dress'd myself, I took the pinnace and went on shore, where, without difficulty, I found the house and person to whom I was directed. Signor Corbaccio was a little deform'd old man, his face contracted into innumerable wrinkles; his gloomy eyes sunk deep into their sockets, were almost hid by his shaggy brows which hung over them; he was counting a large rosary when I presented him my lord's letter. He perus'd the epistle, and then desir'd me to divert myself in the town, till evening, by when he would prepare an answer.

I was shock'd at this wretch's hypocrisy, and did not relish the part I play'd in this farce; but as my lord's favour depended on my compliance, I resolv'd to proceed. The beauty of  
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the city, the splendid palaces, fine churches, embellish'd with the most elegant paintings, fill'd me with admiration; having pass'd the day very pleasantly, I return'd at the appointed time to the procurer, and receiv'd a letter, with which I return'd on board. My lord communicated the contents to me, which were as follows :

My Lord,

*I have just receiv'd a letter from Signora Pascarini, who is extremely mortified she cannot oblige her dear Cefisbeo, without you invite her aunt; if your lordship approves of the design, I will invite the old lady and her neice to an entertainment, which shall be made in my name, at a friend's house in St. Remo, we will detain them all night; the tender lovesick Pascarini shall have a chamber distant from her aunt's, your lordship will doubtless snatch the happy opportunity; however, must beg you to come unattended by any but your confidant, lest the affair should take air,*  
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*and I lose my reputation; if you like my scheme, please to send some thirty chequins to purchase wines and provisions for the day; with respect to my own gratification, your lordship does not forget how indefatigable I've been in your service, who am with the most profound respect, your lordship's obedient humble servant,*

Antonio Corbaccio.

My lord was overjoy'd at this billet, shook me by the hand, and protested he would always respect me for bringing him such divine tidings; then dismissing me, bid me not fail to attend him betimes next morning; I obey'd my commander, and was next day dispatch'd with the desired sum. Corbaccio receiv'd me graciously, and took the cash with a joy he could not conceal; after making me drink a glass of wine, he invited me to spend the day with him, and see the propos'd house at St. Remo. I complied willingly, and was glad of an opportunity

nity to see the country ; so having sent the pinnace on board, with a note to my lord, informing him Signor Corbaccio detain'd me, I attended the old man, who provided good horses, which soon brought us to St. Remo ; a pretty little town surrounded with vineyards, and olive, and citron trees ; he conducted me to a retir'd house in the farther part of the town ; being alighted, an ill-look'd fellow opened the door, and led us into a parlour. Signor Corbaccio ordered some wine, and having drank a glass, made a pretence to leave me while he order'd dinner. Being alone, my curiosity prompted me to examine the prints which adorn'd the room, they were all on pious subjects ; one of them being hung in a gloomy part of the chamber, I took it down and brought it to the window ; when accidentally turning it, I beheld the back was neatly painted with obscene figures, amaz'd at this discovery ! and hang it up again, and look'd at the others, which

which were all decorated behind with bawdy stories.

My attention to this singular management was diverted by Corbaccio's voice, who was laughing with some women in the next apartment; I directly resum'd my seat, and began to meditate on the pictures; Corbaccio soon enter'd with the mistress of the house, and three personal girls. An elegant dinner was set on the table, which was succeeded by some excellent Florence and Muscadel wines; the damsels fetch'd their guitars, and play'd and sung so many wanton airs, that I was soon convinc'd they were not over chaste: after the ladies had alternately display'd their accomplishments, they, and the grave matron, withdrew. When they were gone, Corbaccio drew the chair nearer me; well, young gentleman, how do you like our Italian girls? (said he) I answer'd, that though no connoisseur in women, I thought them all handsome, but the youngest most agreeable.



agreeable. I see you can distinguish (resumes Cortaccio) and so can I, continues he, laying his hand on mine, be your own friend, young Signor, here is my purse, take what you please, take it all, you shall possess your little favourite into the bargain, if you'll be kind to me.

I was astonished at this strange harangue, which, however, his monstrous actions soon explain'd; I started up in a rage, and laying my hand on my sword, swore I would kill him, if he did not desist: he rose in confusion, and begg'd my pardon in the most servile expressions; I accepted his excuse, being apprehensive I should be murder'd if I continued to manifest any resentment. He appear'd overjoy'd at my good-nature, and promis'd to introduce me to young Lucilla, assuring me she was prepossess'd in my favour, and that I should be as happy with her, as my lord would be with Pasarini, in return for his good offices; he only requested me, to  
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keep his behaviour a secret to lord Rake. I resolv'd, however, to give my captain a full account, whose welfare I wish'd, though his character was not altogether amiable. We return'd in a few hours, and arriv'd on the Mole in Genoa about dusk; I bid the Pathic good night, and taking a boat went on board.

My lord took me into the cabbin, and bid me give him an account of our proceedings: I began, and was heard attentively, till I came to the discovery of the pictures, which made him laugh heartily; I then proceeded in my story, and recounted Corbaccio's abominable behaviour, at which lord Rake knit his brows, and exclaim'd, a sodomitical son of a bitch! I'll be even with the dog, he shall be some chequins the poorer for it. I concluded with my opinion, that Pafarini herself might be a Courtisan, and advis'd him to take every precaution to secure us from danger. My lord smil'd at

my fears, and order'd me to withdraw till the morning.

Next day I attended him on shore, where Corbaccio was waiting with horses; we mounted, and by noon arriv'd at St. Remo: the procurer, who believ'd I had kept his secret, assured me I should find him a man of his word, and that Lucilla expected me. We found the house decorated with flowers, and the young women dress'd; Lucilla, who outshone the others in beauty and sprightliness, honour'd me with an obliging glance; my lord softly wish'd me joy, and said, nothing but Pasarini's presence could hinder his becoming my rival; that lady soon appear'd with her aunt: Corbaccio ran to receive and conduct them to the festive board, which was crown'd with rich wines, sweetmeats, and delicate fruit; the liquors being too potent for my brain, I stole into the garden, and thence into the adjacent fields, which presented a most pleasant prospect.

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I was attentively viewing the various objects which surrounded me, when I heard a voice call Signor Englaize; turning about, I beheld an old man in an adjoining garden, who beckon'd me, I advanc'd towards him, and enter'd his enclosure; having made me sit down, he demanded if I spoke Italian, being answer'd in the negative, he address'd me in French: young man, (says he) I beheld you yesterday enter that scandalous house, the seat of perpetual villany, the receptacle of prostitutes and bravoës; your conductor was an infamous procurer, who subsists by an infamous traffic; to day I saw you return, with a gentleman, whose maturer years ought to set a better example, the scandalous Corbaccio attended you; my heart yearn'd to see finish'd manhood, and rising youth, enter the mansions of disease and death. I interrupted the good Italian, and begg'd him to explain what he meant by death? he replied, I cannot affirm any person hath



hath been murder'd in that house, but I strongly suspect it. I trembled at this information, and intrusted the gentleman with my lord's passion for Pafarini; said, my dependence on my lord, was the reason I had engag'd in this dishonourable affair, and begg'd his advice and assistance. He rebuk'd me severely for the base part I had acted; said, though my necessity might palliate, it could never excuse a bad action: then desiring me to stay till his return; I bless'd heaven for this friend; who soon return'd, and gave me a brace of pistols; I advise you, said he, to return, and in case of any danger, the discharge of one of these shall bring me and my servants to your assistance; do not inform your lord of this interview, he will probably disbelieve your account, and rashly frustrate my intentions; I promis'd to obey his instructions, and got back undiscover'd.

I found my lord pressing Signora Pafarini's hand, while Corbaccio, her  
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aunt, and the ladies of the house, ply'd each other with bumpers: a magnificent dinner was serv'd in, and we were sitting down, when the attendant inform'd us, two gentlemen enquir'd for Signora Pafarini, that young lady appear'd greatly surpris'd, and her aunt arose and went to the door; she presently return'd with two tall meager fellows, whom she introduc'd as her nephews; they were invited to partake of our entertainment, which they directly accepted, and sitting down eat like wolves. After their rapacious appetites were satisfied, the cloth was remov'd, and wines set on the table: I drank a few glasses to prevent suspicion, and then pretending illness, begg'd that I might be permitted to lye down; the servant conducted me to a chamber, I threw myself on the bed; the perturbation of my mind repell'd sleep, and not being able to remain where I was, I arose, intending to return to the company; the room had two doors, both were

were shut, in the hurry of my spirits I open'd the wrong, which led into a gloomy apartment; an irresistible emotion of curiosity struck me, to know the contents of this darkened chamber; I found nothing remarkable, and was coming back, when I perceiv'd something white in one corner, I went up to examine what it was, and to my inconceivable astonishment, discover'd a mangled corpse, cover'd with a sheet; I return'd immediately petrified with horror, and sat down on the bed to recover myself, till the noise of somebody entering the chamber made me start up; it was the servant, who brought a message from my lord, to desire my company; I follow'd the attendant, and rejoin'd the guest, assuming an appearance of mirth. My lord going soon after to the window, I took that opportunity to follow, and say to him in a whisper, my lord, take care of yourself, our lives are in danger, we are among murderers! he look'd at me, and seeing apprehension strongly character'd

ter'd on my visage, in the same low voice answer'd, stand by me and fear nothing; and returning to the table began to caress Pasfarini.

The debauch continued till late in the evening, all which time I delay'd giving the signal, being willing my lord should be more convinc'd of his danger before I separated him from the nymph; in the interim my suppos'd indisposition excus'd me from drinking, and my information kept lord Rake sober. At length, the eldest ruffian observ'd my lord's diamond ring appear'd of an excellent water, and signified a desire to view it nearer, my lord pull'd it from his finger, and gave it into the villain's hand, who adorn'd his own finger with the spoil: the jilt Pasfarini begg'd to look at my lord's watch; yes, madam, (answer'd he) when your brother hath return'd my ring. How, scoundrel, interrupts the other bravo, dare you affront my sister? then starting up he drew his sword; my lord unsheath'd his weapon and prepar'd to defend himself; at



at this moment I observ'd the ill-look'd domestic come behind him, and lift up a Stiletto to stab him; I instantly drew a pistol from my bosom, and discharg'd it in his body, and then throwing it at the brave's head who sat next me, beat him off his seat; then, setting my foot upon him, swore I would dispatch him if he attempted to move. My lord disabled his antagonist after a few passes, and then seizing Corbaccio, was about to wreak his vengeance; when a number of people burst into the house, headed by my preserver, who had supplied me with arms.

The ruffians and courtizans were conducted before a magistrate; they behav'd with the most daring effrontery, and accus'd us of beginning the fray. I begg'd the judge would take my deposition; he permitted me to recount the whole affair, my conversation with the Italian gentleman, and his advice; they heard me with great unconcern, till I mention'd my discovery

covery of the dead body, when they all exhibited signs of confusion and fear: the judge observing their disorder, order'd them to be examin'd separately; being conducted to different rooms, they were brought singly, when their accounts were so various, that the magistrate order'd them to be put to the question, when one of them directly confess'd they had murder'd a gentleman for his effects, and laid his body where I had found it.

We were immediately honourably acquitted, and were invited to pass the remaining night with Signor Aftace, the friendly Italian. My lord return'd that gentleman thanks for his assistance; and swore eternal friendship for the service I had render'd him, and promis'd to raise me to a more considerable post the first opportunity. Having spent all the next day with our friends, we return'd on board towards the evening, glad of our happy escape.

## C H A P. XII.

*I leave Genoa. Arrive at Gibraltar.*

*My Lord becomes intimate with Capt. Rummer; falls in Love with his Wife; is successful. We leave Gibraltar. Take two Ships. I am sent on board one of the Prizes; where I find Monsieur Bellegarde and his Lady. We arrive at Plimouth.*

THE noise of our adventure and rallery of the Ligurian wits, determin'd my lord to sail for Gibraltar, where we arriv'd after a most agreeable passage; during which my lord distinguish'd me, by many proofs of the most unreserv'd friendship. When we came to Gibraltar he contracted an intimacy with captain Rummer, who possess'd all my lord's fault without his good nature and generosity, they were inseparable; and my lord was soon invited to dine with his new acquaintance, he went, and return'd

next morning very gloomy, and presently summon'd me to his cabbın, and taking me by the hand, said, dear Wander, I'm in love again, more scandalously in love than before, with my friend's wife, the most accomplish'd woman I ever knew; her husband is a mean tyrannical wretch, who insults her with impunity; her patient virtue charms me, I detest my own deprav'd taste, and would forsake his society but for his charming wife; I shall go on shore again in the afternoon and will take you with me, 'tis possible I shall have an opportunity to shew you this angelic creature. At the appointed time I attended my lord, who sought for captain Rummer, and found him carouzing at the tavern by himself, I was introduc'd to this son of Comus, as a young lad of merit; the captain concern'd himself very little who I was, provided I could swear, drink, sing, and game: I will rather leave the reader to conceive, than particularize a conversation



tion compos'd of lewd songs and blasphemous expletives. At last the captain call'd for cards, and propos'd a game at piquette, for a considerable sum; my lord, who had drank deep, neglected his play, and gave the captain an opportunity to cheat him of a large sum; at length, satisfied he had drain'd his friend's pocket, he invited us to spend the night at his house; we found the family were all in bed, so withdrew to our chambers, without permitting him to disturb them. I arose next morning, and awak'd his lordship, and discover'd the mean arts of his host the preceding night, giving convincing reasons that Rummer had taken the opportunity of his intoxication to chouse him of his money; he turn'd pale at the recital, and after a long pause, exclaim'd, well, I'm not sorry he's cheated me, for now I can cuckold the rascal with a safe conscience, and d—n me if I don't.

A servant who came to inform us breakfast was ready, interrupted our

conversation; we follow'd the man into the parlour, where I beheld a woman who might have pass'd for a perfect beauty had not an air of deep dejection clouded the vivacity of her eyes; her brutish husband sat by her, surly as a Russian bear.

My lord endeavour'd, by the most winning behaviour, to engage her esteem, and before our return disclos'd his passion, which she affected to believe was only his gallantry, though she heard the tender declaration with apparent pleasure. Soon after our arrival on board he dispatch'd his man with this singular epistle:

Dear Madam,

*I little thought a fellow of my dissipated turn could ever fall in love, and that my happiness should ever depend on a lady, circumstanc'd as you are; but cupid is blind and shoots at random, and when your beauty and accomplishments are consider'd, all impediments vanish, and I'm encourag'd to proceed by love,*  
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and that flattering decoy call'd hope, a thing peculiar to sailors; desperate diseases require desperate remedies; larks will whistle though the note may not be true. I leave you to conceive the ardency of my passion, and the pain of suspense; pardon my omitting my name, you'll easily guess at the author, who flatters himself your generous heart will consider his suffering, and plead in his behalf.

The footman return'd with this answer :

My Lord,

I will not disown my partiality for your person and conversation, but destiny has been cruel to us both; and Oh ! to me has dealt a double portion of misery, yet I will not repine; let us pursue the paths of honour and virtue, and for my sake believe a woman may be virtuous though she loves, and meets with temptation. 'Twas impossible to view you with indifference;

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*but you must forget me as a mistress, and only think me a friend, who dares forego what is most dear to her, to preserve her own and your honour: I am, with sincerity, your lordship's friend and servant.*

Lord Rake read this with surprise and disappointment; however, he resolv'd to uprsue her, and continued to visit her husband, taking all occasions to renew his attack on the lady, till at length her scruples vanish'd; and unable to resist his importunities granted all she could bestow, and consented to elope from her savage, and go to England. They enjoy'd the delicious fruits of their amour near a month, when my lord sent her before him to England in a merchantman, our ship following a few days after.

We met with no remarkable incident till we were in sight of Cape Ortugal, when a sailor at the mast head discried two ships; we gave chace, and soon coming up with them, found them



them both French, and took possession without any engagement ; one was an Indiaman richly laden, the other a small brigantine ; the officers of the large ship inform'd us they had lain some months at Coruna, but receiving intelligence no English ships were off the coast, they had ventur'd out with the brigantine, which had on board part of the cargo of another Indiaman which remain'd in port. My lord intrusted the second lieutenant with the Indiaman, and order'd me to take possession of the brig : I went on board my charge directly, and was putting the prisoners into the boat to send them on board the Tiger ; when I distinguished among the passengers two well known faces, and presently recollected Mons. Bellegarde and his lady, they remember'd me, and receiv'd my embraces with equal joy : I directly sent the other French men away in the boat, with a letter to my lord, requesting permission to keep my friends with me ; he hail'd me immediately, and

granting my petition, assur'd me he would soften their captivity on my account.

My friend being deliver'd from his apprehensions on account of his lady, began to relate the sequel of his story; which was, that at their return to St. Sebastians, he had recover'd his lady's fortune, which he had remitted to France, whither they were going when we first saw them; we spent the remaining time we were at sea very agreeable, and when arriv'd at Plimouth, I prevail'd on lord Rake to give my friend liberty, on his parole, and his lady was offer'd a passage to France in the first cartel; but the amiable Clara chose to reside with her husband, till he could with honour return to France; so they took genteel lodgings in Plimouth, and blest'd me with their society. I took every occasion to oblige them, and return them the favours they had conferr'd on me. Every leisure hour I was in their company, and in my absence they

they diverted themselves with reading the most agreeable books, and studying the English language, in which they soon became well enough acquainted, to converse on most subjects.

### C H A P. XIII.

*Lord Rake begins an Amour with Mrs. Manlove. Is jilted. My Lord's Extravagancies. We chase a Star; and engage an English Man of War. Return to Plimouth; and go into Dock. The Ship is paid off. My Lord's Journey to London. Mr. Bellegarde, his Lady, and myself, take Places in the Stage Coach. What Companions we meet with.— The Punishment of Avarice, a Story.*

SOON after our arrival lord Rake began an amour with the wife of an officer of marines, who was more adapted

adapted to one of his libertine character than the unfortunate Mrs. Rummer; her husband was such a tame cornute, that any precaution he thought himself highly honour'd in the acquaintance with a nobleman, and suffer'd his gallantries with his wife with great composure: his spouse was a pretty little pert creature, of low birth and education, except the being able to dance a minuet and scrawl a billet doux; her behaviour was so forward, that my lord laid no long siege before she beat a parley, the first assignation she made was contain'd in this billet:

My Lord,

*Yu prevale, I yell'd to yure intretis,  
if yu lov me, I am the happist of wi-  
men, my husban gos out to nite and I  
skall be alone, exspecting yure compani,  
till then ma som kind angle gard yu, and  
the god of lov put me in yure thouts as  
yu are in mine, yures*

Jane Loveman.

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My lord was delighted with his success, and did not fail keeping her appointment; their intimacy increas'd after this tête à tête, and he invited them both on board, they din'd with him, and were entertain'd till evening, in the most profuse manner, towards night they return'd in the barge, but my lord stay'd on board to write some letters: after their departure he launch'd out into extravagant encomiums of Mrs. Loveman, protesting he thought her the most agreeable woman in Plimouth, besides, continues he, she loves me Jack; I'm not to be deceiv'd in a woman, I see it in every action, the dear girl cannot disguise her passion. I did not presume to differ from him in opinion, but was getting up to withdraw, when I trod on a letter case, which I took up and gave to his lordship. D—n me! Jack, says he, I believe tis Manlove's, open it, and let's see how Cornus writes. I obey'd him, and took out some papers, the first I laid my hands  
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on were some memorandums, verses,  
and a letter as follows :

Receiv'd of capt. G - 5 5 10

This buck was give me by col.  
Bowmunt.

Receiv'd too ponds of capt. B.

Nether tim nor distanse  
Can that frenship parte  
Wher sole is joind to sole  
And hart, to hart.

*My fareft amongst ten thowſand and  
altogether lovly, theas, all with my  
warmest, and beſt affectons, as alſo to  
aquant you, if abſtence have the ſame  
affect on you, as it has upon me, it  
is fare from being out of ſite cut of  
mind for I think on you continually, I  
mourn in your abſtence like a dove, and  
wiſh for wings to fly away to my dear  
Jenny, I'm really ſorry, I ſhud have  
handed you ſo ruſſly, but hop your  
goodniſs will excuſe whats paſt and you  
ſhall*

*shall assuridly find, that in futer, I  
will make it the grate stodey and bisenes  
of my life, to do you plesure till time  
shall be no more. I lease to excuse hast,  
and bileave dear Jenny I am yours most  
affectnately,*

Richd. Midship.

My lord was enrag'd at this discovery, and swore he would kick the scoundrel in the jilt's arms: order the cutter instantly, continues he, you shall go with me and see how I'll trounce the dog. I begg'd to be excus'd, but he commanded me to go, and we were row'd ashore directly: my lord order'd four of the boat's crew to attend him, and we went to Loveman's lodgings; the house door being open we enter'd without noise, and my captain order'd his mirmidons to range themselves in the passage till further notice, then stealing softly up stairs, he open'd the dining room door, which discover'd Mrs. Loveman and a young fellow in a very ludicrous attitude;

titude ; my lord rush'd on the amorous pair, and seizing the man, call'd his tritons, who running up, receiv'd orders to convey the prisoner to the water-side and duck him ; then turning to the terrify'd, disappointed fair one, he said, madam, I hope you'll excuse my intrusion, and to deserve your pardon, here is a letter case, 'tis true I reserve some of its contents as a remembrance of your singular virtue ; then walking out, we join'd the tars, who were obeying their captain's orders, he commanded them to desist, and we left the culprit shivering with cold. Next morning he receiv'd this letter from the fair penitent :

My Lord,

*I am distrakted to think on yure discoveri, and my sham, dont reminde me of my wows to yurself, and for heaven's sake kepe what yu know a sekret, Oh ! Lord it tears my hart, thinke me not worthi yu, but do not devu/g my wekenes, and if I must never se yu more my*  
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*sole shal sith, and ever remembre Lord  
Rake's lov and generosity, yure unhapy*

Jane Loveman.

Lord Rake, who in the midst of his excesses, had a goodn-atur'd, humane heart, was mov'd at the poor creature's fear, and sent her the letters he had detain'd, inclos'd in a billet of his own, wherein he promis'd never to publish her failings; being now no longer a subject of cupid, he return'd to bacchus, with redoubled fervour, and, with some of his mad companions, acted such disturbing frolicks, that his superiors were scandaliz'd, and order'd him on a cruise. His behaviour on board was still more ridiculous, and his actions convinc'd us all his brain was touch'd with his intemperance; I exerted my utmost endeavours to make him assume a more reasonable deportment; but neither his interest, nor my persuasions could rouse him from the lethargy. One night he came staggering upon deck,

deck, and accus'd the officers of neglect, pointing to a star, which he insisted was a ship; it was vain to assure him of his mistake, he obstinately persisted, what? says he to the lieutenants, ye poor lubberly sons of bitches, cant you distinguish a ship's light from a star? come hither Tom (continues he, calling a seaman who heard the dispute) what do you think of that light? please your royal honour, replies the tar, I think as how it's the light from a ship's binnacle. Well said, my boy, resumes my lord, I'll order thee a bottle of brandy,—but come, let the reefs out of the topsails, set the top-gallant sails, and up steering sails, d—n me, I believe you are afraid of an engagement; here, carpenter, nail the colours to the ensign staff, I'll make you fight ye poltroons. Thus were we oblig'd to croud sail after this ideal ship till the star disappear'd, and the morning discover'd Ushant a few leagues a-head: soon after this we had a rencounter with a  
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real ship in the night; my lord immediately fir'd a broadside without previously hailing her, she return'd the compliment, and carried away our foremast: more mischief had ensued if our first lieutenant, suspecting some mistake, had not hail'd our enemy, which prov'd the Panther, captain Manley. The next day we return'd to Plimouth, our ship went into dock, and was soon after paid off.

My lord's behaviour having reach'd the admiralty, he was oblig'd to go to town to exculpate himself, but swore he would be row'd up to the metropolis, and plac'd his barge in a carriage drawn by four horses; his whisker'd men sat on their respective seats, and manag'd their oars as usual; my lord loll'd at the stern, with a fine silk ensign waving over him. In this grotesque manner he proceeded a few miles, when the carriage broke down and landed them all in the dirt.

He was now oblig'd to hire a post chaise, in which he proceeded to  
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town, and made up matters with his superiors; and the preliminaries being soon after sign'd, he retir'd on his half pay with Mrs. Rummer, who sent to him on his arrival.

Being now disengag'd from business, with my pay and prize money in my pocket, I determin'd to go to town and see my mother, with whom I had regularly corresponded since my father's death; but going to inform Mr. Bellegarde of my resolution, that gentleman, being now at liberty, offer'd to accompany me with his lady, and see London before their return to France. I receiv'd this proposal with joy, and sending our baggage to the inn, they discharg'd their lodging, and we all took places in the stage which set out in the morning.

We found several passengers arriv'd, and a supper preparing; a young lady came in after us and took a place for herself and maid; our eyes were rivetted on this stranger, who was tall, very genteel, and completely handsome.



some. Madame Bellegarde welcom'd this amiable person, and invited her to partake her repast, she complied with such modest affability, that my admiration was converted into love; the supper being serv'd in, Bellegarde help'd my charmer with the politeness natural to his country: when the cloth was removing we call'd for wine, on which an old man at table arose, and was retiring; one of the company besought him to stay and drink a glass, but was answer'd, that he could not afford such extravagance; why you penurious old put, resumes the young gentleman, I know you and your circumstances too well to believe you; why Mr. Moneytrap, have you forgot Jack Clueline, the midshipman of the Terrible? Eh! Clueline, Clueline, replied the other, Oh! I remember you well, I bought some prize-money of you last year, verily I'm rejoic'd to see you; what, have you got any business in my way? I'll give you more for your ticket than  
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any other, because I love sailors, and am glad to serve them. No, faith, replies Clueline, I'm just return'd from France, the Monfieurs nabb'd me as I was bringing home a prize. I'm sorry for your misfortune, very sorry indeed, Mr. Whatyecallum (replies the niggard) good night, good night, I never sit up above my time when there's no business to be done. So saying he hobbled out of the chamber: there goes an old rascal, exclaims the midshipman, though he scruples to drink a glass with us, he'll soak like a fish, and eat like a cannibal, at another man's cost; he bought my share in our last prize for one-third its value; he's as rich as the great Mogel, and as miserly as the devil.

We laugh'd at his comparisons, and the conversation turn'd on the fatal effects of avarice; when we had express'd our sentiments of this detestable vice, Mr. Bellegarde offer'd to relate a story applicable to the occasion, which he said was recent and true;

true ; we signified our desires to hear it, and he began thus :

Avare, was the third son of an industrious peasant, who gave his children a decent education, and then bound the eldest to an eminent artist; the second he instructed in agriculture; and the hero of my story he carried to Monsieur Belville his landlord, requesting him to receive his son as a domestic. Monsieur Belville granted his tenant's petition, and immediately retain'd young Avare; the old peasant before his departure gave his son many sage instructions, above all inculcating the necessity of frugality: Avare promised obedience, which in effect was gratifying his own inclinations; he began his career by the most obsequious behaviour to his master and the upper servants; Mons. Belville being a bachelor, kept no table, but allow'd his domestick's board wages, a regulation which pleas'd the penurious Avare; he confin'd himself to so strict a regimen, that what he

he expended, hardly sustained life ; this abstemious conduct stopp'd his growth, wrinkled his visage, and gave him, at eighteen, the appearance of a little old man ; after six year's servitude he became butler, a post of which he resolv'd to avail himself ; he made the tradesmen pay for his custom, and took every opportunity to enrich himself, bought cheap and charg'd high ; whenever his fellow servants wanted cash he supply'd them, receiving always a large premium and deposit of thrice the value ; if they fail'd in punctuality, he seiz'd on the security ; in short he scrap'd together in ten years butlership near four thousand pounds : with part of this money he purchas'd the reversion of an estate, and soon after became master of land, which trebled his riches.

He now left Mr. Belville and came to Paris, where he took a little house and commenc'd pawnbroker ; here he accumulated great wealth, by attending to the distresses of others,  
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every eye beheld him with hatred and contempt, and every tongue curs'd him; as he increas'd in years, his avarice became more flagrant, he continued to increase his oppression of the needy, and retrench in his expences; he would not even renew his insurance, but suffer'd severely for this new œconomy, a dreadful fire reduc'd his house to ashes, Avare escap'd with life alone. His country tenants were drain'd to repair his loss, all their arrears of rent were call'd in, those whose inability hinder'd them from paying their debts, had their effects seiz'd on, or their persons committed to prison; he rais'd his rents so exorbitantly, that nobody would farm his lands, which became uncultivated and desert.

A man brought him (soon after his misfortune) some valuable jewels, which he offer'd to sell at a twentieth part their worth. Avare made no doubt the bearer was a robber, and deliberated, whether he should ap-  
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apprehend the thief, or purchase the diamonds ; at length avarice prevail'd, and he bought them all for a trifle ; to prevent discovery he broke the stones from their sockets, and sent part of them to a jeweller to be made into earrings ; but unhappily for the miser, the fellow was soon apprehended for another crime, and promis'd great discoveries to preserve his life, the magistrate assur'd him a pardon on these conditions ; he was admitted an evidence, and finally impeach'd several others, and confess'd he had stole some jewels and sold them to Mr. Avare, the broker : the justice immediately dispatch'd an inferior officer with some archers, they dragg'd the miserable miser out of his bed, search'd his chests and drawers, found the broken silver and remaining diamonds, which they brought, with Avare, before the justice, who committed the broker to prison ; he was soon convicted of buying things knowing

knowing them to be stolen. His pretended ignorance of the thief did not avail him, the poor price he had given, the arts he had us'd to secret his bargain, were circumstances which induc'd the court to sentence him to the gallies for his remaining life, and his ill got riches were confiscated. Monsieur Bellegarde having concluded his narration, the necessity of rising early made us retire to our beds.

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## C H A P. XIV.

*Set out for London. Our Conversation  
on the Road. Meet with Highway-  
men.*

**I** Was awak'd early by the coach-  
man, and join'd Bellegarde, who  
was ordering some coffee for the la-  
dies; those charming women came  
down in a few minutes, and taking a  
hasty refreshment stepp'd into the car-  
riage; our companions were a sea  
officer, who had lost one arm, Clue-  
line the midshipman, Mr. Moneytrap,  
the usurer, the young lady and her  
servant, and my friends and myself;  
the fineness of the weather, the vari-  
ed beauties of the country, and fresh-  
ness of the morning, inspir'd us with  
good humour; Mr. Bellegarde sung  
us a French song, his lady took a  
guittar from the seat of the coach and  
gave us a specimen of Spanish music;  
then addressing the young lady, in-  
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treated the favour of an English air, she complied, and oblig'd us with Mr. Phillips's translation of Sapho's celebrated ode; we were rap'd with admiration on hearing her enchanting voice; for my part I imagin'd the strains were more than human, and drank deep draughts of love; the disabled officer was charm'd, and said, he less regretted the loss of his limb, since, without that misfortune, he should never have heard her charming voice. Mr. Bellegarde and his lady complimented her on the same occasion, and Clueline swore she had eternally oblig'd him; then turning to the broker, clapping his hand upon his shoulder, what do you say Mr. Moneytrap? continues he, what do I say? answers the curmudgeon, Why I say, that in my opinion, the chinking of a purse of guineas makes better harmony, than all the vocal and instrumental music in the world. What, Sir, says I, do you really set so small value on good poetry and a

fine voice ? do you know that, exclusive of this lady's merit, the words she sung were compos'd by the greatest poets of antiquity ? Sir, replies Moneytrap, I know little more of poets than their poetry, which I have some reason to be acquainted with : I won't insist, but a parcel of rhimes set to music, may be pleasing enough to some people, but thank heaven I have more substantial comforts.

Bellegarde was going to answer this unfeeling wretch, when the coachman alarm'd us with information of the approach of two men he imagin'd were robbers ; at this notice the miser's teeth chatter'd, and he cried out, in a faltering voice, dear gentlemen, for heaven's sake defend me from being plunder'd ! no Sir, says Clueline, I won't lift a finger to save such a poor miserly lubber, you and your substantial comforts may take care of yourselves and be damn'd together. We immediately got out of the coach and convey'd the ladies into a nook in the road,

road, and incirled them. Bellegarde presented a carbine, I was arm'd with the pistols given me by Signor Aftaci, the lieutenant unsheath'd his hanger, and Clueline flourish'd my friend's sword; Moneytrap was very desirous to join our social band, but Bellegarde, the lieutenant, and Clueline, protested against his admission, and he stood alone trembling with fear; by this the highwaymen came up, mark'd and rode round us several times, till we commanded them to stand off, for we were determined to defend our properties; on this they retir'd, and seem'd to consult how to proceed; when one of them discried Moneytrap, who was creeping into the ditch, he immediately rode up, and in a terrible voice demanded his money; the usurer finding he could not escape, began to plead poverty; but before he had utter'd six words, the freebooter call'd aloud to his companion, come hither, Tom, leave those honest gentlemen, here's a precious

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booty, old Moneytrap the usurer, by jove; so saying, he leap'd off his horse and rummag'd his prey, drawing out several bank notes, and a large bag of guineas, exclaiming all the time, here's heavenly picking! you dog, ridges enough to buy off a sentence; set a thief to catch a thief; many a pawn have you had of me, you old cent per cent put.

Having clear'd the miser of his treasure, he mounted his horse, and told us, if any more gentlemen stopp'd us, to inform them we had seen the Captain, and they would not trouble us; so saying, they rode across the country, and were out of sight in a minute.

The usurer seem'd so affected with his loss, that I began to repent we had suffer'd him to be robb'd: Bellegarde was of another opinion, and said, the men who plunder'd him were better members of society, because their ill got money circulated, and open violence is more easily repell'd



pell'd than fraud; besides, continues he, there is something more generous in their actions, and a highwayman is as much superior to a crafty dissembling knave, as a lion is nobler than a fox. The lieutenant seconded my friend, and advis'd Moneytrap to reform his avaricious temper.

We now enter'd a town and stopp'd at an inn to dine; I took an opportunity to supply the disconsolate broker with a guinea, which he promis'd to repay on our arrival in town. After dinner we remounted our vehicle and proceeded, and convers'd on various subjects, wherein Miss Sparkle exhibited a fund of delicacy and good sense; the afternoon flipp'd away agreeably, and we put up at night at an handsome inn, and after supper retir'd to our apartment.

## C H A P. XV.

*Proceed on our Journey. Mr. Hard-  
gale relates his Adventures. Arrive  
at London.*

I Learn'd next morning, that Miss Sparkle was the daughter of a brave sea officer, who was kill'd the beginning of the war; her business at Plymouth was to solicit payment of a debt, owing to her father by a certain admiral; having been successful, she was returning to London to settle her affairs, and then propos'd to go into Warwickshire, and reside on an estate she had in that part of England.

This account I had from Madame Bellegarde, who was become very intimate with her; she farther inform'd me, she imagin'd Miss Sparkle's fortune was only a moderate competency: I was delighted to hear my charmer was not very rich, because it set us more on a level. She had con-  
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sented to lodge in the same house with  
 my friends when they arriv'd in town,  
 which favour'd my design of engaging  
 her affections. Having heard this  
 pleasing news, and waited on Ma-  
 dame Bellegarde to the rest of the  
 company, with whom we breakfasted,  
 and then attended the coach. Belle-  
 garde continued his sprightly humour,  
 and gave such satisfaction to the lieu-  
 tenant, that he protested he had con-  
 ceiv'd a friendship for him; your  
 good sense and affability (says the  
 honest officer) are my incentive, for  
 though my country hath been engag-  
 ed in a bloody war with yours, yet  
 now the sword is sheath'd, we ought  
 to look on each other as brethren;  
 for my part I can embrace a French-  
 man, and admire his valour, though  
 it had been exerted against me. We  
 applauded his generous sentiments,  
 and my friend express'd an equal es-  
 teem for the lieutenant, and desir'd  
 the honour of his acquaintance in  
 town; the officer was pleas'd at his  
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request, and readily assented; I am going (says he) to town with intention to purchase some small estate; on the produce of which, and my half pay, I hope to live an easy, quiet life, after my long fatigues in his majesty's service; I began the practice of seamanship very young, and have seen many famous actions. Bellegarde observ'd the recital of his adventures would be very agreeable, and, if not improper, begg'd he would give us a narration of the most singular events; Sir, replies the veteran lieutenant, I willingly grant your curiosity, and will endeavour to entertain you with a general relation, only promising, I shall repeat matters of fact, without descending to trivial circumstances, or troubling you with my remarks: my name is Thomas Hardgale, I was bred to the sea under my father, who commanded a ship in the merchant service; he gave me an education suitable to the employment for which I was design'd, neglecting  
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the learned languages; but taking particular care to have me instructed in the most useful branches of the mathematicks, and the French, Italian and Spanish languages; I continued to serve under my father till I was made his mate; and he dying soon after my promotion, I became a suiter to his owners for his vacant place; those gentlemen, however, put a person of inferior abilities in the post: disquieted at their partiality, I left their service, and war being declared against Spain, I enter'd his majesty's service, and serv'd on board the Leopard as mate; we were order'd up the Mediterranean, and assisted in most of the expeditions and engagements in that part of Europe. We had the honour to be in admiral Matthews's division at the fight of Toulon, where that gallant gentleman signaliz'd his valour, and was but poorly rewarded! we were appointed, with some other ships, to sail for Villa Franca, a little town in Piedmont;

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we found the duke of Savoy encamped near Nice, a town which the allied French and Spaniards had lately taken; the allied army forc'd a passage through some terrible defiles, and soon after our arrival, attack'd the Savoyard camp, and after a long and bloody contest became conquerors; there were several regiments of Swiss in both armies, those in the service of Savoy retreated in good order, and embark'd on board our ship. Here I cannot help recounting a singular story, which will give you an idea of that warlike people: in the Savoyard army was a young Swiss ensign, about twenty years of age, this youth had a brother in the French service, who was order'd against the ensign's company which were all cut off; he then went to another, who were likewise cut to pieces, himself being only left alive; he still carried his colours to a third company, whose powder being expended, they having the advantage of a rising ground, defended them-

themselves with stones, till reliev'd by their surviving friends; these people inur'd to the work of death, when they came on board our ship, sat down to play with the utmost tranquility, and appear'd to have no remembrance of half their companions, who lay dead on the field of battle.

Our next expedition was intended against Naples, under the command of commodore Long, who, with seven sail of the line, and two bombs, set sail for that city; however, we proceeded no farther than the Tiber's mouth, where we lay inactive two months, and then return'd to Gibraltar: from hence we sail'd against the Genoese, and took some small prizes from that Republic, and being join'd by commodore Cooper, appear'd before Savona, with seven ships, and two bombs; by next morning we threw one hundred and twenty shells over that town, only one struck the prison, and set the malefactors at liberty; at eight in the morning we weigh'd anchor

anchor and sail'd to Leghern. The coach now stopping, Mr. Hardgale deferr'd his narrative till afternoon. We enter'd the inn and din'd together with that chearful freedom which constitutes the pleasure of society. Miss Sparkle appear'd every moment more amiable in my eyes, and I gave such manifest proofs of my passion, that the company perceiv'd it, and Mr. Bellegarde took an opportunity to check my ill-tim'd ardour. After dinner we return'd to the coach, and the lieutenant resum'd his story.

We soon went to sea again (says that officer) and cruis'd the remaining summer off Genoa: it is very difficult to give an account of our transactions here, without incurring the suspicion of being prejudiced; but strange as it must appear, yet it is true, that though it was summer time, and a safe coast, we were mostly out of sight of land; and 'tis certain a thousand ships might have pass'd us unobserv'd: at length an admiral join'd.



join'd us with additional strength, and those most accusom'd to those farces expected extraordinary, and extraordinary it prov'd, for after disposing every thing for action, we appear'd before Porto Spezzia, with every favourable circumstance of wind and weather, and stood into the harbour; but no sooner did the castle appear, than the admiral call'd a council, and it was resolv'd to stand off again, though the strength of the place was minutely known before, and there was nothing terrible in it: the next day we appear'd before Genoa, and a person, unacquainted with us, would have thought the destruction of that superb city inevitable; our ship led in, and assign'd a place for the bombs, which they did not observe, and employ'd all the night in throwing shells into the water; at three in the morning the admiral made a signal to cease, and put to sea again. It was natural enough for the Genoese to report as they did, that their batteries oblig'd  
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us to retire, though really not one of their shot touch'd us, and they in return were little damag'd by our terrible bombardment; we continued to bombard most of the Republick's towns, and stay'd many months longer on the station; during which I had the mortification to see many row-boys advanc'd over my head, because they had interest; and remark'd in all our operations, that where no immediate interest was concern'd, the public business was neglected; and private advantage seem'd the only spring of action;

After the peace was concluded, I commanded a small Lisbon trader, on the merchants account, during which nothing material happen'd, so will wave that part of my story, and inform you, that at the beginning of the late war I return'd into the late navy; and had the honor to serve under the ever glorious, though now forgotten, Boscowen, who took my past service into consideration, and procur'd me a lieute-

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lieutenancy: since when I've been a witness of the valour and conduct of other brave admirals and captains; and can truly affirm, that if some men tarnish'd the naval glory in the war of forty-one, the splendor of our actions in the last war, makes ample amends; where admirals, captains, subalterns, and private men, English, Scotch and Irish, contributed to raise their country to the pinnacle of human glory; and left nothing to be wish'd for but unanimity at home.

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We thank'd Mr Hardgale for his relation, and began to look round us, being now very near London: we soon enter'd this great metropolis, and were convey'd through the city to Friday-street, where the coach put up; we were conducted into an handsome room, and order'd supper.

When we had drank a few glasses of wine, one of the company inquir'd for Moneytrap, who we found went away directly when the coach stopp'd;  
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we did not regret his absence; but his abrupt departure surpris'd all but me, and when I inform'd them he had borrow'd a guinea of me, and had probably gone off to avoid payment; they all laugh'd at my credulity, and Bellegarde rally'd me on the occasion, till supper put an end to his sarcasms, and we spent the evening very pleasantly.

# CHAP.



## C H A P. XVI.

*Find my Mother, who invites my Friends to lodge with her. Go to the Play; where I meet Jones; whom I see again next Day. He relates the Sequel of his Story. Takes me to an Auction.*

**N**EXT morning I went with my friend in quest of my mother, intending to hire lodgings before our return; we easily found her house, and stopping at an adjacent tavern, sent a note to inform her of my arrival and intended visit, and in a quarter of an hour attended her myself; she receiv'd me with transports of joy, and inform'd me a relation had lately left her an handsome fortune, which made her circumstances very easy. I was overjoy'd at this happy event, and desir'd her to send for my friend, who waited for me; she immediately dispatch'd a servant with

with an invitation, who soon return'd with Monsieur Bellegarde.

After dinner I related what had occur'd since my last letter, and inform'd her I must leave her for the present, being oblig'd to take lodgings for my friend, his spouse, and another lady I much esteem'd. My mother answer'd, her house was large enough for us all, and insisted we should search no farther: my friend thank'd her politely, and we return'd for the ladies, who were agreeably surpriz'd; and I observ'd with joy, that my charming Stella seem'd very well pleas'd. As the lieutenant express'd an inclination to lodge near us, I promis'd to procure him a room at my mother's; then taking a farewell of honest Clueline, and giving him an invitation and direction where we liv'd, we stepp'd into a coach, and were soon convey'd to my mother's, who receiv'd her fair guest very kindly; and at my request offer'd Mr.

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Hardgale an apartment, which he thankfully accepted.

After tea my mother propos'd a jaunt to the play; the ladies were delighted at the thought, and we all went to Drury-Lane, where we saw Cymbaline, with great satisfaction.

Just before the fourth act a stranger desir'd to be inform'd if my name was Wander; I'd hardly answer'd in the affirmative, before I recollected the person of my friend Jones, he shook me by the hand, and congratulated me on my safe return; and after the play we agreed to meet next morning at Morris's near Covent-Garden theatre; we then return'd and spent the remaining night very happily.

Next morning Bellegarde and ~~me~~ left the ladies and lieutenant at home, and went to Bow-street, where we found Jones; he was contending with another person about theatric declamation, they disputed with such virulence, and us'd such unbecoming altercation,

cercation, that, apprehensive of a quarrel, we interposed, and desir'd Mr. Jones to forego his argument, and give us his company: when we was seated in a box, where we could converse without interruption, I begg'd the player to give me the sequel of his adventures. He complied and began thus:

You may remember (says he) the miserable company I belong'd to when you left me, I continued with them till Sawpit, our manager, was drain'd of his last shilling; when absolute necessity oblig'd us to separate; Wilding and me came to London, where we engag'd with Mr. Shift, an old experienc'd stroller, who propos'd to make an excursion as manager of a company; our new commander was well season'd in the business, and undertook to provide the necessaries of the theatre, though not worth a doit. He began by employing a drunken painter, to daub him a few scenes,  
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for ready money; his next step was to persuade some young spouters that they had great merit, and advis'd them to exhibit a play among themselves, offering to provide a proper place, dresses, scenes, and every other requisite, if they would advance half a guinea each; the bait took, and they all applauded the scheme; the next point was to chuse them a play full of characters, he propos'd King John, they approve of his choice, and advanc'd their subscription, which amounted to ten guineas; besides, he avail'd himself of their good opinion, and borrow'd, or got credit of them, for several valuable things. His remaining business was to get an old curtain, and some paultry dresses of Mr. H——m, at a cheap rate, advancing half cash, and giving a note for the rest. When the painter brought home the scenes, he made the poor fellow drunk, and then sent him home, appointing next day for payment; taking care that

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evening to discharge his lodging, and sent his moveables to an inn, where he had a waggon ready, which convey'd all into the country early next day. We play'd in various parts of England with tolerable success, till we arriv'd at Nottingham; where the magistrates for some time refus'd us permission to exhibit; insomuch, that Mr. Shift, unable to pay his debts contracted during our long vocation, was oblig'd to make off with Wilding and some others, carrying away his scenery: I was absent at a neighbouring village during this migration, and at my return was arrested by my landlord for board and lodging, who had me committed to Nottingham goal, where I experienced less misery than I expected.

Mrs. Parr, the governess of this enchanted castle, was a good-natur'd, generous woman, and would willingly have made her prisoners as fat as herself; her husband was a son of Comus, who left the management of all to his wife.

wife. I found the prison full of captives, who mostly work'd at their respective trades, and spent every Saturday night, and Sunday, the earnings of the week. Our most remarkable prisoners were Mr. Horne, a gentleman of fortune, who, after fifty years succesful villainy, was at last condemn'd to die for an accidental misfortune; and master Tipple, a young gentleman, well born, who had been ensign of a company, till degraded for misbehaviour; he had lately deserted, and was apprehended at Nottingham, and committed to prison, till sent for by his regiment; the others were a confus'd multitude of stockeners, and other handicraft tradesmen. Soon after my arrival, an excommunicated methodist was sent in, because he refus'd to pay tithes; the prisoners immediately demanded garnish, which Mr. Whine absolutely refus'd, saying, it was not for the glory of the Lord: the weavers would not admit his excuse, and threaten'd

to piquet him if he continued to refuse their accustom'd dues; and on his persisting in his resolution, tied a rope about his wrist, and hoisting him up, pour'd cold water down his sleeve, which running down into his breeches made his teeth chatter; they continued to torment this wou'd-be saint, till he consented to pay their demand; as I was unassisting at his punishment, he thought me a chosen vessel, and said, he hop'd I should one day find the Lord.

He gave me an account of his own conversion, which I will relate, because with little variety it will suit any of those sectaries: I was (says Mr. Whine) some years ago a very wicked young fellow, like most other of our saints, who generally have been reprobates, before they became of the elect; at length curiosity led me to hear a famous Methodist, his sermon fill'd me with horror; I was certain of my own reprobation, and became almost distracted with the dismal thoughts



thoughts of eternal misery. I had recourse to the preacher, who told me the only cure for my soul was implicit faith, and charity to the faithful alone; for he observ'd benevolence to those of a deluded faith and reprobate manners was, in effect, giving alms to devils; I gave this pious man all my ready cash, which he distributed among the godly; and soon after my mind began to assume its usual calm, heavenly visions in the night gave me an assurance of happiness, and warm'd me with a holy zeal against the establish'd clergy, and all other unhappy wanderers in the road to perdition. I refus'd to pay tythes to our parson of the parish, because I disapprov'd of his doctrine of morality, and such unnecessary matters; I challeng'd him to dispute with me while he was in his pulpit, and he committed me to the stocks for disturbing the congregation; and soon after had me excommunicated and sent hither; but

this persecution will make me teach our tenets with redoubled vigour, that 'tis possible for man to attain a state of perfection in this life, to whom, after this blessed acquirement, all actions become indifferent. A brother fanatic being married, during his detention, he preach'd a sermon on the occasion from this text, ' His strength lieth in his loins, and ' he moveth his tail like a cedar.' He enlarg'd so ludicrously on these words, that his audience retir'd, and made such comical remarks on his discourse, that was matter of mirth to the whole goal. Being call'd field-preacher by some of the prisoners, he preach'd another sermon to vindicate himself. His text and beginning was as follows, ' And Jeremiah came to the gate of ' the house of the Lord ; to the gate ? ' why to the gate ? you say, why the ' parson would not let him preach in ' the church. What ! and did Jere- ' miah preach in the fields ? yes, my ' dear

‘ dear hearers, Jeremiah preach’d in  
‘ the fields, &c.’

I remain’d in this place near two months, when a recruiting serjeant, at my request, paid my debt, and list’d me in the black musketeers, where I remain’d till our regiment was broke.

I return’d to London and engag’d with Mr. Foot, with whom I play’d last summer, and am just retain’d by him for this season. Here Mr. Jones ended his relation, and offer’d to conduct us to a picture sale, which would divert us till dinner time : he conducted us to a large auction room full of people, who were attentively listening to an auctioneer, who was loud in his commendation of an execrable piece, and was successful enough to sell it for twice its value, to a lady who depended too much on his veracity ; he produc’d several others which his effrontery put off at good prices.

Mr. Jones told us, this orator’s chief excellence was his memory,  
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which enabled him to tack the most illustrious names, on all occasions, to bad copies; his eloquence being only a certain string of expressions, which he repeats on all subjects.

There are some other odd fellows in company; don't you observe a little man with a sottish look, stand on our left hand? he is a painter of some merit; to enhance which, he lately took it in his head to wear whiskers, that he might resemble Vandyke: that fat man who stands near him, styles himself counsellor; his chief support is procuring orders for works of art, which he gets executed by poor artists for little or nothing, and sells again at large prices; he pretends to be a great connoisseur, but there is no foundation for his vanity; his knowledge resulting only from other people's judgment: on the other side sits captain Fergus, a reduc'd lieutenant; he has more taste than the counsellor, but is so intolerably audacious



cious and insolent, that most shop-keepers refuse to deal with him.

There are many others of this class in company ; however, I discern some men of real genius in the croud, there is Hayman, Hogarth, the inimitable Reynolds, and the good-natur'd, ingenious Moreland ; there is, besides, two foreigners of distinguish'd merit, Casali and Chipriani.

The church clock striking twelve, oblig'd Mr. Jones to conclude his remarks ; we left the auction, and took him home with us to dinner.

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*Go to Ranelagh. Disclose my Passion for Miss Sparkle. That Lady permits my Addresses. Go to the Play with Jones, who takes me to a spouting Club. Mr. Bellegarde is obliged to return to France ; but before his Departure persuades Miss Sparkle to consent to our Marriage.*

**M** A D A M Bellegarde, and Miss Sparkle, gently chided us for our stay, which they refuse to forgive, but on condition we accompanied them to Ranelagh after dinner. We prevail'd on Mr. Jones to give us his company, and set out for the gardens; when it grew dark, I took an opportunity to separate my charmer from the company, and disclos'd my passion for her; she heard my confession with great sweetness, own'd she had no objection to my person, and added, that if we continued to approve of each other,

other, and my mother desir'd our union, a few months should produce a favourable answer ; I kiss'd my adored Stella's hand, and vow'd eternal gratitude ; she oblig'd me to rejoin our company, and madam Bellegarde, who observ'd my vivacity, conjectur'd the occasion, and wish'd me joy of my success and good fortune, which bestow'd such a fund of beauty and good sense ; her eulogium cover'd my Stella with blushes, but the rest of our friends coming up reliev'd her confusion, and the conversation chang'd to another subject.

At our return, I inform'd my mother of my passion ; she approv'd my choice, and soon conciliated the esteem of my amiable Stella. The interval of time my charmer prefix'd was spent in the pleasing society of Mr. Bellegarde, his lady, the lieutenant, and my friend Jones, who was a constant visitor.

He came one evening in high spirits, and told us, an acquaintance had introduc'd

introduc'd him to a rich old woman, who wanted a young husband, that he had made some progress in her affections, and resolv'd to marry her; we desir'd him to consider the disparity of the match, and not condemn himself to such forbidding embraces: Gentlemen, resumes Jones, 'tis in vain to dissuade me, better her, than starve. I have been a stroller long enough, and may remain so all my life, if I don't use this blessed opportunity; but come, will you go to the play? Mr. Woodward shines to night in Bobadil, and Smith rivals Garrick in Kite-ly; the ladies and lieutenant excus'd themselves, but permitted us to accompany the player, who took us to Covent-Garden theatre.

After the play, which gave us entire satisfaction, Mr. Jones bid us follow him and see another company of comedians; come (says he) 'tis only across the way, I carry you,

Where



Where Alexander cries I burn! I  
freeze!

While gentle Romeo eats his toasted  
cheese;

And mighty taylor, barbers, bakers,  
Act heroes, cowards, beaus, and  
quakers.

We follow'd him up stairs into a  
room full of young fellows, paid our  
quota, and sat down; when a mon-  
strous figure stalk'd from behind a  
screen, whose upper lip and eyebrows  
were daub'd with lamp-black and oil;  
we found by a soliloquy he utter'd,  
that he represented the tyrant Richard,  
while he pronounc'd some words in  
an accent hedious as his person: a  
young man who sat near us, finding  
we laugh'd at this singular appear-  
ance, whisper'd us, did you ever see  
such action! gentlemen, did you ever  
hear such a voice! very shocking in-  
deed, says Jones; but Mr. Levi, you  
must make amends, and vindicate the  
honour

honour of your society. Well, Mr. Jones, says the Hebrew, what speech will you have? what you please, answers Jones. The Israelite immediately rose, and calling another Thespian, began a scene in the Fair Penitent.

We were surpris'd to see the handsome, gay Lothario, represented by this Jew, who was a crooked dwarf; he began to speak in a voice loud indeed, but discordant enough to set one's teeth on edge: when these gentlemen had receiv'd the loud applauses of the company, others arose and burlesqued the most interesting characters in the drama; a journeyman shoemaker play'd Pyrrhus, in the Distress'd Mother; and a watch-finisher mutilated Orestes; at length, disgusted with their follies, we return'd home, and next morning were visited by the player. We began to rally him on his old woman; well, Mr. Wander (says he) be as merry as you please, for her attractions have even made a poet of me.

me. Then pulling out a paper he read as follows :

Though Stella's fair, and Clara boasts  
Her shape, and sparkling eyes ;  
Yet Aura's beauties still I'll toast,  
Her charms old time defies.

The nymph, though past her fortieth  
year,  
In beauty still abounds ;  
For I can easy prove it clear,  
She's got two thousand pounds.

We laugh'd at Jones's passion and  
poetry ; which, however, he disre-  
garded, and was soon after married  
to his Aura.

At length, Monsieur Bellegarde's  
affairs recall'd him to France ; that  
generous friend, and his lady, join'd  
their intreaties, that Miss Sparkle  
would consent to our union before  
their departure ; after some hesitation,  
that amiable creature consented, and  
made

made me completely happy, by receiving me for her husband.

My friends deferr'd their journey for a month, to honour my nuptials, and then sail'd for France, where they safely arriv'd. Mr. Hardgale purchas'd a little estate, which join'd to my wife's in Warwickshire, where we all reside, and make but one family; and where, possess'd of an accomplish'd, affectionate wife, a tender mother, a sincere friend, I enjoy a pure, serene happiness, which surpasses the most splendid condition.

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